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S,

The purpose of STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS as an organization, is defined clearly by its title: to investigate strange phenomena in its many categories. Such categories include reported hauntings, ie apparitions, poltergeist events; UFO sightings and various forms of psychic happenings. SPI was formed in 1979. Involvement in SPI is more than academic beyond the appeal as a study. We are drawn to it because we share the mutual opinion that the subject demands investigation and definite awareness on as wide a scale as possible, which will help to establish a firmer foundation that: "*There are such things*".

The aims of SPI are to collect, research and publish accounts relating to most aspects of Strange Phenomena, and to inform the general public that there is, indeed, a case to be answered.

SPI does not hold or express any strict viewpoint as to the nature of the events of which we research; we keep an open mind and hope that by continued research we may come up with some answers to account for what as present eludes us.

EDITORIAL.



Well SPI's first skywatch of the year got off to a good start, ten brave souls all gathered at a pub in Falkirk on the night of January 10th. Attendees were, Malcolm Robinson from Tullibody, Billy Devlin from Linlithgow, Michael Mitchell from Uphall, Gary Blair from Renfrew, Garry Wood from Edinburgh, Colin McMahon from Edinburgh, Gavin Snape from Edinburgh, James Mulligan from Edinburgh and Martin (Can't recall his second name) also from Edinburgh, and Stan Brown, surprise surprise, from Edinburgh.

Due to the still increasing UFO reports from Central Scotland, in particular over the towns of Falkirk and Bonnybridge, we decided, (without much persuasion), that our first skywatch of the year, should be held on the moors behind the town of Bonnybridge, an ideal location for UFO spotting. It started off cloudy but soon cleared, (just like a giant hand had swept across the sky and parted the clouds !) A myriad of stars sparkled in the night sky as SPI members strained their necks and gazed towards the heavens. Most SPI members had brought along torches of which were pointed skywards and were switched on and off in a regular fashion, in an attempt at hopefully attracting, some form of light phenomenon. This procedure has been used at skywatches world-wide, and has occasionally brought on the desired results. Readers will no doubt have read my account of using a torch at a skywatch near Aultbea in the wilds of northern Scotland, in which as you may recall, a tremendous burst of pure white light, shone downwards from the dark night sky, then faded in on itself, quite incredible.

Well sad to say, that although we were all standing in the cold night air for a few hours, nothing of note was witnessed. The sky later clouded over, and we decided to call it a day. It was good to see such a good turnout at such short notice, and SPI members will have the chance to participate in further skywatches each and every month of this year. February's skywatch, which will no doubt have taken place by the time this issue goes to press, will be occurring on the A70, at the location of Garry Wood and his friend Colin Wright's UFO Incident. I again look for a healthy turnout.

All those wishing to participate in SPI skywatches, should contact our new Secretary, Billy Devlin, on 0506 845152. Would members please bring along cameras, binoculars, and torches (flash-lights), and also video camera if they have one. It is advisable to wear warm clothing as we are essentially still in the winter months. You may of course bring along flasks of tea, biscuits, etc, but no alcohol. Our Secretary will shortly have all our skywatch dates and rough locations. Should the night be inclement to skywatching, then a general SPI "get together" will still take place. This will give us all a chance for a rare old "chin-wag".

SPI are still waiting to hear from Prime Minister John Major in regards to our request of a meeting with him to ask that he launch a Government enquiry into the alarming rise of UFO reports from within Central Scotland. Our cause is being helped along by not only Councillor Billy Buchanan of Bonnybridge, but by a leading Scottish politician Dennis Canavan, who has already faxed the P.M. some of our documentation. We await to hear from John Major with much interest. SPI are also at this time, collecting

signatures for a petition to add weight to our cause, and quite a few names have been gathered so far. There should be enclosed with this issue, of ENIGMAS, one such petition form. I would ask that you try and obtain some signatures for it (with addresses) and mail it back to the address that is featured on it. Hopefully SPI will have something to report in our next issue of ENIGMAS, of our challenge to the British Government, to open up an enquiry into these puzzling UFO sightings over Central Scotland.

Meetings have been held to form a new SPI Committee to enable us to build further as we head on through 1995 and onwards. Thankfully, a very heavy workload will shortly be coming off my shoulders, as people are now prepared to work hard for the betterment of SPI. So, a big shake up is currently underway in which is a vital year for SPI's development, and this re-birth, will I'm sure, go a long way into ensuring that SPI remain at the fore-front of Scottish Paranormal and UFO research. Dedication and commitment, are the two key words, and they are words that are vitally important in ensuring that SPI remain on the right tracks, and with the enthusiasm of our members, I'm sure that we can achieve these aims.

I take this opportunity in informing those individuals that completed and returned their SPI UFO Research Assist Form, that we shall shortly be contacting them with notice of an SPI Investigation training course. This course will be held in the Cowane Centre in Stirling, more details when we have them.

The new womens magazine EVA, has recently featured articles concerning SPI personel. In it's January 11th issue, SPI's psychic and hypnotherapist Helen Walters, had a full page to herself in which discussed an SPI case which was filmed in part, by GMTV. The case concerned a haunting from a town quite close to where Helen lives. Helen was physically pushed from a spirit within the home to the astonishment of the watching witnesses. Thankfully, the case had a happy ending, and the small girl who was haunting the home, was moved on to a brighter place. Since our Investigation, no more reports of strange activity has surfaced. The EVA issue of February 1st, contained an article on the UFO sightings over Bonnybridge, and we were shown a picture of Isobel and Carol Sloggett, standing in the area in which they had their strange encounter, that of a bright blue ball of light which "landed" behind them on the small road in which they were walking, (see February-March 1993 ENIGMAS). I gave the usual quotes and stated that the fear of ridicule, stops many people from coming forward.

Readers may recall, that back in 1993, a television crew from Japan paid a visit to Scotland in which they visited Bonnybridge, the small Scottish town at the centre of UFO activity. They stayed for a few days gathering witness testimony for a two hour T.V. spectacular on UFO sightings from throughout the world. Well, since their departure I haven't heard anything they promised to send SPI a copy of their completed programme, but sadly they haven't as yet done so. My letters to Japan have went unanswered. Hopefully due to a new contact being made in Japan, this person will find out if the programme was ever aired on Japanese Television. There are a lot of people (including myself) who were filmed by the Japanese, who would like to know if it was ever shown, and should we hear further on this issue, we will of course let you know.

Aliens ripped Bob's breeks —now he wants them back

REPORT BY THE EDITOR

AS HE OWNS UP TO

EARTH-NAPPING A FAMOUS

UFO ITEM. ???!

I was taken by surprise late in January when I spotted an article in the Scottish Sunday Post which stated the fact that Robert Taylor, the chap who had the famous encounter with a landed flying saucer (?) in Dechmont Woods near Livingston in 1979, wanted his trousers back. "Why now", I thought to myself, it's been 15 years since that eventful day, why should he suddenly want his trousers back now? And then it suddenly hit me. Bob has been hassled by the world's media ever since he saw that strange object in Dechmont Woods. The last time I spoke to Bob on the phone, he was pritty much sick to the back teeth of it all. He even moved house to get away from it all, needless to say, the press tracked him down, and requested the same information that Bob has been telling for many years now.

In that last phone call I had with Bob, he was none too pleased about being featured on the Television programme, STRANGE BUT TRUE? He refused point blank to be featured on the show the upshot being, that London Weekend Television (programme makers), had to call in an actor to portray Bob in a reconstruction of the event. Bob told me that he had had enough, and just wanted some peace. I agreed, his story, although quite important, has had it's day, and Scotland now has many more cases which to some extent, have surpassed the Livingston Incident, (for instance, SPI's A70 Case).

Reading the Sunday Post article, and also the Aberdeen Press and Journal story [featured on this page], it became clear to me, that so long as "someone" had his trousers, the press would continue to hound Bob, and ask him again on how his trousers came to be ripped. I actually don't know for sure if this is the real reason, but having spoken to Bob, it pritty much looks like it.

Anyway, it's a well known fact, (especially by the Scottish media), that I have had Bob's trousers now for a number of years, in which I show them at UFO meetings and discuss Bob's famous sighting. Indeed, my lecture to a primary school, (see article elsewhere in this issue) was especially pleasing for me, as I saw groups of school kids come up to view and touch Bob's trousers. Their faces upon touching them was a picture, they were in total awe, I'll never forget the look on their faces.

Well it just had to happen! I was waiting on the phone call as to which newspaper would be the first to call me. A few days later and all

UFO man wants his trousers

by Jane Findlay

BUNGLING policemen have lost a Tyrade pensioner's trousers — 15 years after they were torn in an alleged UFO attack.

Officers in Lothian and Borders Police yesterday launched an investigation to trace Bob Taylor's breeks, which were taken "as evidence" in 1979.

Retired forester Mr Taylor (76), of Berrydale Road, Bialgowrie, claimed to have encountered aliens as he was checking a wood at Dechmont Law, near Livingston.

He said he was confronted by a 30ft-high object with porpoises, which dropped two round spiky objects.

They stopped either side of him and emitted a smell so pungent that Mr Taylor passed out.

He said he was badly bruised and too weak to stand when he awoke to the sound of his dog barking. His trousers were badly torn.

An intensive police investigation followed and M15 were said to be involved.

Mr Taylor's police-issue trousers later became an object of international fascination.

They have travelled around the world being examined by UFO experts and psychics who conducted psychometric tests on them.

But now Mr Taylor wants them back and says it is up to the police, who took

them in the first place, to locate them.

The teetotaler admitted last night that the UFO saga had left him "drained".

"I've been telling my story for too long. I'm retired now and drained. I should be able to put it all behind me," he said.

"But the fact remains that I want my trousers back."

"They've been all around the world — to the States, Japan and goodness knows where else. I don't know where they are now but it's up to the police to find them."

A spokesman for Lothian and Borders Police yesterday promised a full investigation.

He said: "Generally, if property is given by an individual and it is going to be examined then yes, it should be returned to them."

"If it is damaged or dirty, then we would sometimes get permission to destroy it but I don't think that's the case here."

"Our forensic laboratory has certainly carried out tests on the trousers but they are no longer there."

"We'll have to look at this one a bit closer."

No satisfactory explanation has ever been given for Mr Taylor's story.

Police found depressions in the ground exactly where the pensioner claimed the incident happened and the area has since become a haunt of UFO enthusiasts.



ROBERT TAYLOR AT
THE SITE IN 1979.

was revealed. A reporter from the News Of The World rang me and wanted to talk about UFOs. "Fine" I said and I proceeded to discuss with him, the rising number of UFO reports from within Central Scotland. A short while later, there was a lull in the conversation and I just knew it was coming, it was the question that he was really calling about. "Eh, Er, Eh, Mr Robinson, do you happen to have Bob Taylor's trousers?" Well I could have said no, and that would have been the end of it, but instead I decided, what the heck, I'll talk to this guy and explain why these trousers should remain with SPI, and certainly within the UFO community.

I spoke at great length with this reporter about this famous 1979 Incident, and the following is more or less what I mentioned to him. I stated the fact that first and foremost I truly believed in what Bob Taylor said he saw, and that he had no reason in the world to make it all up. And remember readers, I was there, I saw the marks in the grass, spoke to Bob, spoke to the police who also Investigated this case. Spoke to Bob's wife about the state that Bob arrived home in that day, and generally conducted my own Investigation which coincided with BUFORA'S and also Andrew Collins.

I honestly feel, that it is in UFOlogy's best interest that these trousers remain with the SPI group, to not only inform the public about this impressive case, but to also physically show them these trousers which strongly backs up the witness testimony. UFO items/artifacts, are few and far between. I remember from memory, Joe Siminton's oatmeal cookies that he said were given to him by members of a flying saucer crew, [probably a hoaxed story though]. There has been residue left by flying saucers as they touched down at certain world-wide locations. We have photographs, we have video film, but to actually have a pair of trousers which have allegedly been in contact with "something" from goodness knows where, then it makes the study of this subject all the more worthwhile to people like myself.

UFO museums are springing up left right and centre over in America, and I'm quite sure that they would love the chance to have these trousers on display. Indeed, Bob's trousers "were" on display at the Bipasha Ghosh Gallery, Rotherhithe, London between June and July 1993, one of the very few occasions that I have parted with the trousers. So as we can see, there is indeed a case for the trousers remaining with SPI. They say that possession is nine tenths of the law, and without falling out with Bob over this issue, I aim to impliment this fact for SPI.

So there we have it. To some this may seem a silly issue, but to this UFOlogist, I see it as vitally important. And it is my dearest wish, that Bob Taylor be left alone to enjoy his retirement. I for one, will certainly not pass on his phone number to any members of the press. Let's give the guy a break.

Alien trousers turn up at last

OLD Bob Taylor has finally traced his lost trousers—16 years after he says they were ripped by aliens.

Retired forester Bob, 76, handed over his breeches for tests after his close encounter with a UFO at Livingston, Lothian. They ended up in the hands of UFO expert Malcolm Robinson.

He wants to keep them as "vital UFO evidence."

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S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.

PREFACE.

It's been a busy time for SPI of late with not only our continuing UFO sightings to contend with, but a good few ghost cases as well. One very distressed lady phoned me at home and explained to me in very emotional tones, of the ghostly events that were occurring in her home, she asked if SPI would be interested in coming along to her home and hopefully eradicate the problem. Well, of course we would, and a SPI Investigation was soon put underway. The following, is a report submitted by our new Secretary Billy Devlin on what occurred on our visits to this woman's home. (Editor)

CLIENTS NAMES: Anne and John Millar. LOCATION: Kilern Cottage, Buclyvie, Sirlingshire, Central Scotland. DATES: 29/9/94, and 15/11/94.

BRIEF HISTORY.

The Millar's have lived in the cottage for a few years. It had formally been an old cottage which has been extensively modernised. Up until now, nothing out of the extraordinary has happened. They own and work in a hotel in the village of Balfron nearby. A few months ago, the daughter awoke to find a small boy standing at the bottom of her bed. The father did not believe a word of it, and decided to spend the night in the room in the hope that he would prove her wrong. John suffers from asthma, and as he was feeling a bit breathless that evening he inhaled some medication. He was just beginning to doze off about 05:15am, when he felt something jump on the bed. On opening his eyes, he was confronted with a small boy sitting astride him, with a cheeky or wicked smile on his face. The next thing that he can remember, was having the urge to run out of the room, but by this time the small boy was standing between him and the door. Taking his fear by the horns, he ran through the boy and out the door. It was after this that they decided to contact SPI.

SPI INVOLVEMENT.

Helen Walters, Malcolm Robinson and I, arrived at the cottage to conduct an interview, and, if needed, spend the night in the bedroom. On the night we arrived, Anne was very agitated and on edge. She looked worried about what had been happening, and there was very much a feeling of aggression in the sitting room. Present at the time of this Interview, was John Millar (38) their eldest son John (17) Their daughter Jennifer (15) was staying with a friend, as she refused to spend another night in the room. The small son (4) was in bed in their bedroom. There was also a dog present as we spoke.

After a lengthy discussion where we went over the events of the past month, we decided it would be beneficial to spend the night in the room, and possibly make contact with any entities that might be present. The family made their way to bed, and we went into the room. It was a small room, so we were within close proximity of each other throughout the night.



HELEN WALTERS FEELS
FOR PSYCHIC PRESENCE.

Helen sat on the bed which was against the wall, Malcolm sat on a wicker chair in the corner, while I sat on the floor with my back against the wall near the door. We were all in easy eye contact with each other. As well as the usual recorders and note pads, video camera etc, we decided to bring along some additional items to add some interest in our endeavours to make contact with any presences within the room. These included a ouija board. At first there was no presence felt by Helen, but about 04:00am, things began to happen. First Helen said that there was a small child standing at the door near me. He was wearing a dark charcoal jersey and Helen could see his legs.



BILLY DEVLIN AND HELEN WALTERS
CHECK OUT THE SPI EQUIPMENT
BEFORE COMMENCING THE INVESTIGATION. [photo M. Robinson].

I became aware of a column of shimmering sparkling lights coming from the corner facing me. It seemed to be coming from next to a set of sliding mirror cupboard doors. I felt that there was a great energy coming from the column. The energy was building up and I got the impression that it was going to explode. The feeling was also as if it was getting heavier and heavier, like the closeness of waiting for a thunderstorm.

I mentioned to Helen what I was seeing. She said that at that point in the room there was a great deal of energy. It was like a door. Things were trying to come out of that area. It started to disperse after a while, and the close heavy feeling in the room also dispersed. We decided to bring out the ouija board, Malcolm and I placed our finger on the device and proceeded to ask questions. The response was fairly slow until Helen placed

her finger on the device. It was then that we received a response to our questions. The name Emma was received. She was with 5 other children who are buried nearby. Helen then received the name of Andrew Macauley, who was also with Emma. Bill MacDonald was also received by Helen, although he was not one of the 5 with Emma. We continued asking Emma questions.

(Q) = QUESTION: (A) = ANSWER.

(Q) Do you wish us to help ? (A) Yes. (Q) Are your graves nearby ? (A) Yes. (Q) Are your graves part of the old church nearby ? (A) Yes. (Q) What was the small boy's name who we saw this evening ? (A) ZACARIH. (Q) Was it you who got a fright when Malcolm took a flash photograph ? (A) Yes. (Q) Is ZACARIH the correct name ? (A) No. (Q) What is the boy's name ? (A) BI. (Q) Is it Billy ? (A) Yes. (Q) What is the second name ? (A) 'no response'. (Q) Do you wish to leave this place ? (A) Yes. (Q) What age are you now ? (A) 93. (Q) Are you tired ? (A) Yes. (Q) Too tired to go ? (A) Yes. (Q) Did something terrible happen to you ? (A) Yes. (Q) How did you die ? (A) CA. (Q) Cancer ? (A) Yes. (Q) Did you die of cancer ? (A) No. (Q) Was your death violent ? (A) Yes.

(Q) Did you die alone ? (A) Yes. (Q) How did you die ? (A) BURNED AS DXS-ONA. (Q) Were you killed by something other than sickness ? (A) Yes. (Q) Were you drowned ? (A) No. (Q) Were you burned ? (A) Yes.

(Q) When were you burned ? (A) 1920. (Q) Was it an accident ? (A) Yes. (Q) Was it in your home ? (A) Yes. (Q) Did you die in a farm ? (A) Yes. (Q) Was it Buclyvie ? (A) No. (Q) Was it in this area ? (A) Yes. (Q) Is the name of the boy Bill ? (A) ZA yes. (Q) Who are we speaking to now ? (A) J.

Helen began to feel the presence of an adult in the room. We proceeded with more questions.

(Q) Have we got an older person with us ? (A) Yes. (Q) Do you like this person ? (A) No. (Q) Are you in some sort of home away from your home ? (A) Yes. (Q) Do you come from this area ? (A) No. (Q) Do you come from the city ? (A) Yes. (Q) Were you living during the war ? (A) Yes. (Q) Were you in the services ? (A) No. (Q) What age are you during the war ? (A) 6 (Q) Were you an orphan ? (A) Yes. (Q) Were you an evacuee ? (A) No. (Q) Is your name Emma ? (A) Yes. (Q) What is your second name ? (A) CC LAMER. (Q) Is it Cameron ? (A) Yes. (Q) Were you home alone ? (A) Yes. (Q) What was the name of the farm ? (A) ABERCROMBI.

As you can imagine, by now it was nearly morning, and bearing in mind the reluctance of the presences to leave, we decided to finish the Investigation for the time being and return at a later date to finish it off. With the information received, we asked Anne and John to enquire about various aspects of the information received.

DATE: 15/11/94.

THE RETURN VISIT.

Helen and I returned to Buclyvie, (I had work commitments, Editor) in the hope that we could finally move the spirits on. Present on this occasion, were Anne and John Millar, their daughter, who was now back sleeping in the room, and their small son as well as the dog. We first asked if anything new had occurred since our last visit. Anne told us that she was sure she saw the lights in the bedroom go on and off themselves. She was reversing the car into the driveway when she noticed the light was on. She looked around again, and the light was off.

Anne was completely changed from our last visit. She was talkative, calm and smartly dressed. She was not aggressive in any way towards John. She had decided that she was wanting rid of the presence in order that her kids could settle. Helen informed them of how and why they must close themselves off from the presence. John is the psychic link in the house, he has to close off, and say that he does not want it.

John had done some initial research into the cottage. He has found that on an 1886 map of Buclyvie, there are two cottages where Kilern Cottage now stands. Nobody knows what happened to the other cottage. He also found out that a Stuart MacDonald owned the cottage at one time. After a very enjoyable coffee, sandwiches, and a general blether, [talk for our American readers, Ed] about spirits, Helen mentioned seeing two presences

Pub boss haunted by spirits

By SUN REPORTER

A TEAM of ghost-busters have been called in after pub boss John Millar claimed a schoolboy spoke attacked him while he slept.

John, 35, says the young ghost was "staring wildly" as it poured water on his bed.

He has told psychics he made a dive for the boy - but ended up running straight through him.

John and wife Anne, 31, were so terrified by the close encounter that they planned to sell their 300-year-old cottage in Buclyvie, Strathclyde.

Force

Now they've made a last ditch bid to exorcise the house which was once home to wartime evacuees.

Last night ghost-buster Malcolm Robinson, of Strange Phenomena Investigations, said he was convinced the house is haunted.

He added: "There is a ghost there and we aim to force it out, so the family can get on with their lives."

"This is a very unusual case as it's rare to hear reports of ghosts actually touching people."

in the sitting room. One female with brushed back hair who was very friendly. She also mentioned how light and happy the atmosphere was compared to our first visit. We decided to begin. But first the daughter had to be awakened so that we could get into the room. This took about twenty minutes. Once vacated, we proceeded to set up the equipment in the bedroom. It is now 02.00am. Helen started off in the hallway just outside the bedroom. She began to see a scene develop in front of her. A family were sitting around a table. A mother and daughter are standing in front of her. They are joined by a grandfather figure. Helen describes him as having short hair and a sprightly moustache, he was wearing a suit, the kind worn at a funeral. A baby has died here, Helen said. The man was now laying a baby down on the ground, it was dead.

The name Arther, who is a farmer, came to Helen. William, or Williams. Was Arther involved with this scene? He has committed some kind of sin here and wants to be free. Something about being froze to death then came to Helen. Helen then saw a face in front of her, it is crying. She is asking it to confess and set itself free. It then changes from a wee boy to a man, then flicks back and forward between a young boy to an older man. The image of a young bride, veil loose, not covering her face, then appears. It's a bridal dress but it's black, not a wedding dress. The name Elsbeth comes to Helen.

One of the cottages burnt down? Helen gives off a muffled start. Helen is closing her eyes. Something has fallen into them. Helen describes it as if smokey soot is in her eyes. After recovering from the obvious discomfort that the soot has caused her, Helen returns to the hallway. She can hear crying. A boy is sitting at the window crying. He constantly changes from a small boy to a man. He wants Helen to see something. Helen proceeds towards the window and looks out.

She sees a lady wearing a white blouse. She is standing with her back slightly towards Helen. She is in a beautiful garden. She is holding what at first looks like a book at waist level. As she turns towards Helen, it is in fact a baby that she is holding. She is leaving with the baby. He has forsaken her, he wants to go with her. There is anguish and scandal here. The name Pettigrew comes to Helen. Helen senses a great feeling of despair and heart-break here, and so decides to perform the cleansing. It is successful. There was great sadness in this part as well as a great sense of relief when the boy was released by Helen's cleansing.

We decide to go into the bedroom to see if any presences were evident as there was on our first visit. It is now 03.45am. Helen sits on the bed and I sit opposite her with my back against the wall. This was a Bible thumping family that Helen senses. This is an entirely different event than the one in the hallway. Two entirely different occurrences. Helen is touched on the face. She does not feel comfortable with the presence in the room, and so decides to perform the cleansing. It takes two attempts to cleanse the room. In the end, the presence leaves, but laughs at Helen

(at what she was doing?) as it goes. At 05.30am, we pack up and prepare to leave. After a brief discussion with Anne about the nights events, we leave. She looks relaxed and happy, and so are we.

Report by Billy Devlin.

UFO of a plane kind'

BY SPI'S WELSH CORRESPONDANT
MARGARET FRY.

I thought your readers might be interested in some of the paranormal plus UFO related events I Investigated in 1994. I worked at an enormous amount, as we had a flap in this part of North Wales. The reports were not all for 1994, and include abductions. Mr and Mrs Walker are in the habit of motoring to Llangnyfon Clwyd, to the forestry to walk their three dogs. It is a two mile walk through the forest on a winding road which is very narrow, and people have to stand aside to let vehicles past. They have been using this road for around 30 years on average 3 times a week. On an afternoon in 1992, they were approaching a bend with their three dogs when they saw a white van approaching the bend from the other direction. They stood aside, but as it rounded the bend, it vanished before their eyes. There are no turn offs there, then they realised there had been no engine sound either, and they were quite speechless. They continue to walk their dogs there, but feel 'funny' every time they reach this particular spot.

TIME: 01.30am March 1964.

PLACE: Council house on the steep hill just below Denbigh Castle, Clwyd.

Doris Walker, then unmarried, and living with her widowed mother. She was up late studying her codes for her job with the DHSS Office in Rhyl. She had let her tough little terrier out on to the back patio when she heard him yelping in pain. At this, she looked through the kitchen window. She went out and saw a beam of light was encasing the dog, she picked him up and immediately felt a burning sensation on her arm. She fled indoors with him but did not have the courage to look out of the window again. The burn marks stayed on her arm for a while. The dog was also in pain and discomfort from burns to its skin.

Through-out the period end of October, beginning of November 1994, second hand reports of either UFOs, or a 'phantom plane' being seen in the Johnstown Cefn Mawr areas of Wrexham district. To date I have been unable to contact these people, but am endeavouring to from my contact there, Miss Winn. People like her are invaluable to me in ferreting out distant reports. The 'phantom plane' has to be explained. During 1987-89, (Jenny Randles has this on file, I hope!) the people of Llangernyw/Abergele districts were all seeing a fat, very large, unmarked black hercules type war time transporter plane. This would appear suddenly low to the ground, then fly on disappearing before one's eyes! It happened so often, that every one here nick-named it, the 'phantom plane'. Phone calls were made to R.A.F. Valley, Anglesey and other Airports nearby such as Howarden, but all denied any such plane existed. I can vouch for this, as we saw it on no less than 3 occasions.

1. On the Elwy Valley road when it seemed to hop up from no-where across the road brushing the trees at the side of the road, then vanishing over the fields along side.

We came to an abrupt halt in fright, but there was no sound. 2. We were motoring to Rhyl on two separate occasions on our local A547, we call this our back road, as only locals travel on it, the main stream of traffic being on the coastal A548. This road cuts right through farming land, corn fields one side, mustard and rape the other. This fat bellied plane was flying "below" the electric lines above the fields and then vanished. On one occasion, it was so near, that Ron swerved to avoid what he thought was a vehicle coming up on his near side. The same day, the Coopers on the beach at Pensarn, exercising their dog, had it fly over their heads up the beach, then vanish ! They looked to see if people further up had noticed it, and they appeared not to have ! Mr Cooper had flown in Hercules transporters during the last war in Borneo, and is quite familiar with aircraft.

I cannot remember what period of time these sightings took place, perhaps a few months. They ceased after a quite spectacular incident involving all the children and mothers fetching them from Bro Cernyw Junior School, Llangernyw at 3.00pm. We were returning from Abergele in our car, when again this fat bellied, rusty, no paint, decrepid old 'plane' (!) roared just feet overhead down the centre of the village street, with all the children and mothers flying in all directions to avoid it. It touched the old hawthorn at the end of the road, where it then dipped down into the valley, everyone rushing to the netting that cordoned off the fields below in the Colleen Valley. Then it seemed to virtually pull itself up, then continue up with great effort until it skipped over the hills opposite. Then there was silence after the din, with all the mothers indignantly scurrying home to ring the Ministry of Defence, R.A.F. Valley, (anybody), but again, all replied that no such aeroplane would even be allowed to fly in that condition.

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They all thought it was an ambulance at first. One does take note of any vehicle on the moors, they are so lonely, you seldom pass another car, if you do, it is another local you know, and if it isn't, you take note. Only strange cars with thieves in them generally travel about our area of rural North Wales at night. So when this light, after awhile, rose up and went over their car and then vanished, it was "something", as she put it. This was June/July, about the time of the Denbigh sightings, after dark 1994.

TIME: 15th June 1994, 7.00pm

PLACE: Between Llanfihangel and Cerrigydrudion. Denbigh Moors. PARANORMAL EVENT OR UFO ?

A nice clear light summer's evening. Huw Evans gives a good account of a R.A.F. war time Hercules type plane, no markings, which appeared in front of them, he was with his wife and family. It crossed from left to right in front of the car at 100 feet off the ground

flying fairly slowly. It started to turn right as if to fly down by Llanfihangel G.M. At this point, the whole aircraft was clearly visible with the back drop of the hill behind it, when it suddenly seemed to "vanish into thin air" ! The whole family have gone over the events of that evening over and over again, but still cannot come up with any explanations as to what they saw. It was a dark coloured craft with no markings, and was soundless. It was also the size of a war time Hercules plane.

(c) Margaret Fry, Contact International U.K. & The Federation of Independent Welsh UFOlogists.

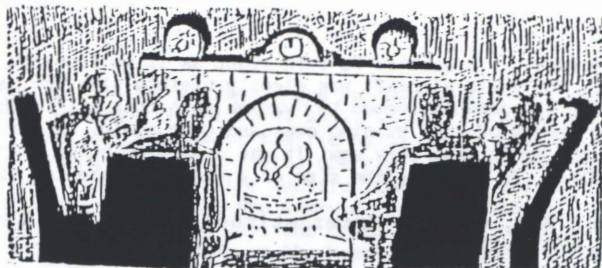


THANKS GARRY. SPI would like to give warm thanks to Garry Wood, an SPI member from Edinburgh, who recently donated a slide projector and screen for our club. Both Garry Wood and fellow SPI member Stan Brown, also from Edinburgh, have been actively involved in researching a spate of UFO sightings from the Edinburgh region. Their tireless work is providing SPI with some interesting cases from this area of which we hope to bring you in a future issue of ENIGMAS.

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UFO DEMONSTRATION AT THE MOD WHITEHALL LONDON. The Alien Acknowledgment Campaign, (AAC) headed by John Holman will be demonstrating outside the M.O.D on Monday March 20th, their aims are : (a) To lobby the MoD, requesting that they publicly disclose their full files and assessments on the Rendlesham Forest Incident. We ask that these files be made available to national media for publication, including the true MOD conclusions about the incident. (b) To involve national media at Whitehall and elsewhere on the day, especially T.V. News. (c) To involve regional media across the U.K. "before" the day to help maximise national coverage on the day. John needs to know who wants to participate in London and also help with publicity in their area. If you would like to assist in this most worth-while cause, then telephone John Holman on 0765 602898. And the best of British to you !



Fireside Tales (but true).!

I SENSED THE HORROR !

As a working medium, I used to go out to visit clients in the Chesterfield area. About 12 years ago, I was asked to visit and see a couple of ladies outside Chesterfield. There was four cottages in a row, (terraced cottages) and the house to visit was the second end one. After welcoming me, Alison showed me into the lounge in which the sofa I sat on was facing the fireplace which was also the adjoining wall to the house next door, the end one.

The first lady came in, and as I began to "tune into her" and "read" for her, I was aware of horror from the room next door. All the wall above the fireplace was "bulging" out at me, and I could "hear" a young girl crying with moans and feelings of fear and terror. I felt as if someone or something was trying to get to me but could not get through the wall.

I called the house owner and she came in. "Is the house next door haunted" ? I asked. "The people next door have not seen anything" She replied. "Is it built over a graveyard" ? "No" was the answer. "Well", I said, "It is terrible through there, there is some unhappy spirits and a young girl sobbing". "Are you okay" ? asked my hostess. "Yes" I replied, and continued with my readings.

My hostess Alison was the last one to see, and when I finished, I tuned into the wall again and could hear the sobs, and also the wall was coming out at me as if someone was pushing it. "It is Pottery Cottage" she said. "We didn't want to tell you".

About a year previous, Billy Hughes escaped from a van which was taking him to court. He escaped over the moorlands and into Pottery Cottage. He murdered the husband, the mother and the 12 year old daughter. It caused headlines at the time. "I didn't realise it was Pottery Cottage. The hostess told me that some occupants had seen something and moved out. The present occupiers were O.K. Two years later I was back in the adjoining cottage ! It was clear as I tuned in, the horror had gone, it was peaceful. The spirits had gone to rest.

Edith Farrow, Bolsover, Chesterfield, England.

BUT WHO WAS THE GHOSTLY LADY ?

Some 12 years ago when I was living in Middlesex, I met an elderly gentleman who was in his time, one of the country's greatest psychical mediums, his name was Armand Wilson. One Sunday evening, a beautiful warm summer evening, we were walking home from our local Spiritualist Church after a very uplifting service, when we were both aware of a lady walking beside us. Neither of us knew just when she appeared. She carried two suitcases which appeared to be very heavy, but rejected all offers to help her.

We walked on a while in silence and Armand asked her if she had been on holiday. Her only reply was that "she had a long way to go". Soon after that, we came to the crossing where I had to see Armand across a busy road before going to my own home. We told this lady that we were not going any further

And she, having said practically nothing till then, said, "God bless you both". I told her to wait while I saw Armand across the road and I would walk a little way with her. I turned to step onto the crossing and immediately looked back, but she had gone as quietly and unobtrusively as she had appeared.

When Armand saw my total astonishment he said, "You were uneasy in that person's presence" ? I agreed that I was, although I didn't know why. "That's because she was spirit", Armand told me. A few weeks later at a service, a medium said to me, "There is a lady here who walked with you recently and she said that you offered to carry her burden" ! At first I could not understand the message, but the medium went on, "Her suitcases were symbolic of the burden she carried, and a gentleman later helped her to reach the light". I can only assume that Armand prayed for her and helped her.

I would like to add that this lady was very solid and I still can't say why I felt uneasy with her, perhaps because I was still in the very early stages of development, and Armand later became our teacher in our home circle.

I have seen spirit people Clairvoyantly since then but never as solid as that particular lady, or have I !! I don't know. But I do know that I will never feel uneasy again.

Pamela Williams, King's Lynn Norfolk England.

THE FLOATING NURSE !

I write to you, to recount what I consider a remarkable but true incident involving a nurse who "floated" during a demonstration of hypnosis. The incident took place in a College of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Studies. I was the course tutor for a group of trainee psychiatric nurses during a period between 1989-1991. The incident occurred during the early part of 1991 when the group was approaching the end of its training.

Hypnosis is something that has interested me for many years, and I was taught the basic techniques of inducing a trance like state by a psychiatrist who used hypnosis in his practice in the day hospital within the grounds of a large psychiatric hospital in Essex. About 12 nurses asked me if I would show them some aspects of hypnosis, and, having a free session in my diary, I agreed to their request. I feel I should point out that I was a registered nurse tutor, and had been teaching nurses, both general and psychiatric for a good many years. To both groups of nurses, I had given instructions on simple relaxation techniques and aspects of hypnosis. I had undergone a course of training in order to do this.

I asked for a volunteer who would like to assist me, and a young man from Sri Lanka offered to be my subject. The young man had been given the nick-name 'Arnie' because most people found it very difficult to pronounce his name. I had deep respect for Arnie, and there was a close tutor/learner rapport between us. As always, (with all my subjects) I promised I would in no way cause him to do or say anything that would cause him embarrassment, and that he would return to normal awareness on my instruction

Arnie made himself comfortable on a treatment bed in a room normally used to teach learners practical procedures. I started off by relaxing Arnie, and could see he was an excellent hypnotic subject. I asked him to let every muscle in his body gently relax, and this he did with a series of rippling movements. The only way I can describe this was as though he had been given a powerful muscle relaxant prior to a major operation. His breathing slowed right down, and I could tell by feeling his pulse, that his blood pressure was reduced. He was in a state of complete relaxation.

I then asked him to visualise himself lying on a very comfortable couch, and to imagine himself becoming very, very, heavy, or very, very, light. These words are often used by hypnotherapists when a person is in a trance like state. The next thing that happened was something that was completely

new to me. Arnie started to "FLOAT". He floated about an inch above the treatment bed. He was perfectly relaxed, there was no rigidity in any part of his body. I thought I was mistaken and was in a state of self hypnosis. I looked at the nurses and could see by their faces that they were seeing the same thing as myself. I do know things can happen when suggestions are put into the unconscious mind during hypnosis. On one occasion a subject started to get a severe asthmatic attack on being told to imagine she was in a garden filled with beautiful flowers, (this was in the middle of winter). Her breathing was getting more and more distressed, and had she been seen in the Accident and Emergency Department she would probably have been prescribed an injection of adrenalin. However, she was put in a helicopter (by suggestion) and flown to a cliff top where the air was fresh and pure, and the attack abated.

Arnie stayed suspended for perhaps two minutes, then slowly his muscles started to go into spasms. He seemed to be going into a fit. In all cases a hypnotherapist must be in control. I spoke clearly and distinctly to Arnie, and told him he was now beginning to feel heavier and heavier, and, as he gently became heavier, he would return to the treatment bed and all the spasms would stop. And this is what happened. I then said that he should now gradually open his eyes and would feel a very pleasant feeling of calmness and relaxation. Slowly his eyes opened. He smiled. I asked him how did he feel? He said "Great, really relaxed".

I have read of people who claimed to have witnessed levitation, for example, Daniel Dunglass Home, who, in the 19th century, was reported to have floated out of a window on the third floor of a house in Belgravia in London, and then floated back through another window. I must say, when I heard about levitation, I was highly sceptical, but now, following on from the incident with Arnie, my scepticism has been blunted.

I make no claims or explanations as to what was witnessed. I do not know anything about conjuring. Perhaps what was seen was an illusion, I am not sure, and would not argue about it. However, 13 people saw what happened, and I believe at least one would have been highly critical had there been

grounds for criticism. And I'm quite sure that anyone who has ever taught psychiatric nurses will know just how critical they can be. They do not suffer fools gladly.

N. T. O'Malley, Essex, England.

A TERRIFIC NOISE BUT NOTHING TO BE SEEN !

I would like to relate to you an experience I had some years ago. In April 1975, my wife and I had just recently moved into a new first floor flat in the Chapletown area of Sheffield England. One night, after going to bed, we were both asleep, when in the early hours, I became aware of a noise seemingly inside our bedroom that gradually increased in volume until it woke me up.

My wife was also woken, and I said words to the effect, "What the hell is that" ? and jumped out of bed over to the window to see what was happening. As I opened the window and looked out, the noise stopped, not instantaneously, but as if a volume control had been slowly operated. I fully expected the rest of the street to be opening their windows to see what was happening as the noise was extremely loud. But, as the noise faded, the street was left totally peaceful with not so much as a dog stirring. No one else had apparently heard it.

I cannot emphasise just how loud it was. I certainly could not shout above it. It sounded like a large helicopter was hovering about six feet above our roof, an oscillating sound, but the sound was definitely "not" a mechanical one. It was not in our imaginations either. We had not been drinking and have not experienced anything like it before or since.

We moved out of the flat a few weeks later as I had a new job in Reading, Berks, and the rest of that year, and the following one (1976) were notable only for the exceptionally hot summers. I remain completely baffled by it.

M.E. Haigh, Sheffield, England.

THE EDITOR GOES BACK TO SCHOOL.



Well I never thought I'd see the day that I would go back to school, well I did, and this time it was as a teacher ! Back in November I received a telephone call from a teacher who teaches at a local primary school in my home town of Tullibody. She informed me that her class was doing a project on space, of which, as the days wore on, the subject extended itself to cover UFOs and spacemen. The class had seen me on the I.T.V. show "Strange But True !" and thought it would be a good idea to ask me to come along to their school and give them a talk on UFOs. Would I oblige I was asked ?, "I'd be only too happy" was my quick response.

And so the day came when my talk was due, and armed with UFO photographs, drawings, and Bob Taylor's trousers !! I set off. Walking to the school, I was caught in a torrential downpour, which although dampened me to say the least, did not dampen my enthusiasm to speak to these young school kids. I was met at the school by a teacher and was quickly shown to a classroom in which I found around 30 school children between the ages of 10 and 13, busily writing away. All around the circumference of the classroom, were paintings, drawings, and models, of UFOs, spacemen and planets. The kids had clearly been busy, and their depictions of aliens were probably true to their age group, ie, wee green men with two heads and antenna sticking out from their heads.

Soon it was down to business, and the challenge of talking to school children rather than adults, was one that I had been looking forward to for days. Memories of my own school days came flooding back as I looked all around the classroom. As I looked forward, all I could see was a sea of small faces sitting at small desks all looking up at me in anticipation of telling them stories of men from Mars. The familiar blackboard contained pre-written questions for the kids to answer when I was gone. Questions like; (a) What did you think of Mr Robinson's talk ? (b) Did any part of Mr Robinson's talk frighten you ? (c) How many UFO sightings have there been in Bonnybridge ? Etc, etc.

The shuffling of feet and the noise of chairs being pulled in, soon abated and silence prevailed. Young eyes and young minds were now fixed solely on me. I was probably their first real life person who would discuss with them, other realities and other possibilities, outwith anything that they would ever have found in their school books. I began by asking, "How many of you believe in UFOs" ? at this a flurry of arms thrust straight up into the air with a quickness that about bowled me over. I then asked, "does anybody not believe in UFOs" ? and at this, one solitary boy, slowly and gingerly put his hand up into the air with the eyes of his classmates fixed in surprise at him. I stated, "I think you are slightly outnumbered here son", and with that, the class erupted in laughter.

I then went on to discuss with the class, numerous UFO cases both past and present. I also illustrated my talk with extracts from UFO videos. The attention I was given by this class was really something else. They were quiet, (something I recall that my school class never was all those years ago !) I went on to discuss some of Scotland's more interesting cases, some of which from the Bonnybridge region. All too soon though it was over as I had reached my allotted time. However I did have time to take questions from these young and enquiring minds. I was roughly into my third answer to these questions, when it stuck me that, "Hey, this is brilliant". The questions being asked belonged not to young school children, but to adults who had studied the subject for years ! Honestly readers, I just couldn't believe the questions I was being asked.

EXAMPLE: Which planets were most likely to hold life ? EXAMPLE: Which country experiences more UFO sightings than any other country ? EXAMPLE: Did the Cash/Landrum familys really experience radiation burns ? (Well someone was clearly doing their homework !) Most of the questions were being asked by one particular girl, or maybe I shouldn't use the word girl, perhaps I should mention her as someone who asked questions like a nuclear physicist ! Such was her thought provoking and inspired questions that she directed towards me.



The class could have asked questions all day, and I could have answered them all day, but the commanding voice of the teacher, (Female, quite nice too !!) brought question time to a close. I thanked all the young pupils for being so attentive and inquisitive and wished them well with their project. To round off my visit, I invited all the class forward to inspect some of the UFO photographs and drawings that I had brought with me.

Most of the class however, were more interested in looking at and touching Bob Taylor's trousers. These were the trousers worn by a Scottish Forestry worker who claimed he encountered a landed "spacecraft" in a clearing in a wood and of which two small spherical objects rushed out of which proceeded to come towards him. One of these objects attached some rod like projections onto Bob, pulling him towards the larger object whereby ripping his trousers in the process. These young children were absolutely fascinated by these trousers.

The teacher then ushered the children back to their seats, after which a young girl stood up and said, "Primary 7 would like to thank you very much Mr Robinson for coming along to Abercromby Primary school and talking to us about UFOs". That short speech made my day, and I left the school feeling a million dollars. Now I did stress the fact before I left the class, that the pupils should make up their own minds and not to believe all I had to say, (even although it was factual). I stated that knowledge comes through searching, and if they wished to take up this subject later on in life, they should be very careful, have an open mind, and weigh up all the possibilities before reaching their own conclusions.

A week or so later, I received over 30 hand written letters delivered to my door written by these school children all thanking me again for coming to their school, (a couple of their drawings are featured with this article). So Mr Robinson went back to school, and boy did I enjoy it.

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GLOBAL NETWORK NEWSLETTER. Nov 1994, (A4). This is the Newsletter of the Andover Unexplained Phenomena Group of whom President Malcolm Terry works tirelessly. This issue sees information on UFO sightings, Egyptian Pharaoh flew in spaceship ? and 2 new British UFO abductions. Postal price per copy is, 75 pence. Group membership is £3.00 per annum. Write to: Malcolm Terry, 19 Alexandra House, Enham, Alamein, Andover, Hants, England SP11 6JS.

NORTHERN UFO NEWS. Dec 1994, (A5). After many years produced on her faithful typewriter, Jenny has now obtained a word processor and this she puts to good use starting with this issue. This issue sees items on the latest British and Welsh UFO reports, book and magazine reviews, a look at UFOs in the media eye, and much more. This is a magazine that is on the pulse of British UFOlogy. Subscriptions are; £6.00 for six. Send to, Jenny Randles, 11 Pike Court, Fleetwood, Lancashire, England, FY7 8QF.

UFO TIMES No 32 (A4). The magazine of BUFORA, The British UFO Research Association. This issue has an article/interview with ex Police Constable Alan Godfrey which I found most illuminating ! Also, some UFO sightings, The great Socorro mystery and much more. Written on glossy paper, but only 24 pages !! Further information by writing to: B.M. BUFORA, London WC1N 3XX.

FORTEAN TIMES No 78, (A4). Probably the best UFO/Fortean Journal in the U.K. Packed with stories on cat flaps, UFOs, Ghosts, Voodoo, Killer worms, Roswell (again !) and a smashing article on Uri Geller in which we see a photo of Uri sitting on his Cadillac, not your ordinary Cadillac however, but one absolutely covered with bent spoons and forks spot welded onto its surface. "Amazing" ! Subscriptions, U.K. £12.00 One year. E.C. £15.00, USA \$30.00 Rest of the world, £18.00. Cheques payable to, John Brown Publishing, Free-post (SW6096), Frome Somerset, England, BA11 1YA. (You won't require a stamp if posting in the U.K.)

SKYLINK, (LONDON UFO STUDIES) No 9 (A4). This is getting to be quite an enjoyable read, and a magazine I look forward to. This issue sees articles on new crop circles from Wiltshire, alien implants, the greys, UFO sightings, and much more. Subs are, £6.00 for 4 issues (UK) £1.50 single issue. \$15.00 for 4 issues (USA). Write to, Ruy Lake, 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, England, IG11 9RX.

INFO JOURNAL No 71, (A4). This is the publication of the International Fortean Organisation based in Arlington USA, and although somewhat similar in tone to Britain's Fortean Times, this 62 page Journal has a style of its own. This issue has an article on Charles Fort, Cougars that live in Maryland, The Tecolutla Monster, UFOs and Politics, and a visit to the Money Pit, (The Oak Island Mystery) one of the early mysteries that captivated my young head many moons ago ! This is a fine Journal edited by Michael T.

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Shoemaker, a seasoned Investigator. Subs are; \$12.00 for 4 issues (USA) \$16.00 Foreign. Send to the INFO Journal, P.O. Box 367, Arlington VA 22210-0367, Unites States Of America. Oh, and just before I forget. One of the most amazing stories contained within the pages of the INFO Journal, comes out on page 37. Now we've heard of crop circles, snow circles sand circles, now, guess what else is new ! wait for it....it's carpet circles ! yes that's right, ordinary household carpets with strange circular marks on them, (Just what you would expect after one of my parties at my house !)

THE SPIRITUAL SCIENTIST Vol 1 No 1 Dec 1994 (A4). This publication is a spin off from the Noah's Ark Society, (although the NAS Newsletter is still running). It is solely dedicated to providing proof, undeniable proof to the hard nosed sceptical debunkers, to the reality of survival after physical material death. This first issue is a "cracker", and it tells us what early seance circles have so far managed to obtain in test conditions. Apports, spirit lights, levitation of objects, and deceased persons making their presence felt again. We learn of the stringent controls laid down by this group, "The New Spiritual Science Foundation", and also what they hope to achieve at future sittings during 1995. I understand that representatives of Kodak are to be invited to these circles for their opinion. I too have been considered by this society, to attend one of these seances and if I do manage to attend, a full report will appear through the pages of ENIGMAS. Out of all the reviews in this section of ENIGMAS, I strongly urge you to make this publication, top of your list. Subs are; £3.00 for one year (UK), £5.00 for one year overseas. Make cheques payable to, The New Spiritual Science Foundation" and send them to; The Spiritual Scientist, Street Farmhouse, Scole, Diss, Norfolk, England, IP21 4DR.

THE SCEPTIC Vol 8 No 4 (A4). The Sceptic is of course the magazine with shall we say, "differing views" on paranormal phenomena and probably should be looked at just to see what is happening on the other side of the fence. I used to think that the Sceptic at least remained open minded on topics relating to the paranormal, now I'm not so sure, and I personally feel that they should change the magazine's title to, "The Debunker, And No Doubt About It" What more can I say ! Subs are; £1.88 a single issue £12.00 per year. Rest of the world (Surface) £15.50. Cheques payable to The Sceptic, Dept B, P.O. Box 475, Manchester, England, M60 2TH.

ANIMALS AND MEN No 3 (A5). From the Centre for Fortean Zoology, comes Animals and Men a magazine devoted to the subject of Cryptonzoology. Editor Jonathan Downes packs in items relating to, black dogs of Dartmoor, a giant worm in Eastbourne, mystery cats, Bigfoot reports, and more. Cryptonzoology is not one of my main interests, but this is a good wee read. Subs are; £1.50 single issue, £6.00 per year (UK) \$9.00 per year (USA). Cheques payable to, A&J Downes, 15 Holne Court, Exwick, Exeter, Devonshire England, EX4 2NA.

ANNALS Oct/Dec 1994 (A5). Another fine magazine from the typewriter of Gerry Lovell. The layout content and style of ANNALS is superb, and the shortness of the items wets one's appetite for more. This issue has an item on Beckjord's Alien photo, with also articles on, a death ray, weeping statues, healing hands, and ghosts and a whole lot more. Recommended. Subs are; £6.00 for 4 issues, £1.50 per single issue. Write to Gerry Lovell, 8 St John Street, Wells, Somerset, England, BA5 1SW.

PSYCHIC NEWS, (Weekly). With over 60 years weekly reporting on Spiritualism and the paranormal, Britain's Psychic News is still going strong. This newspaper reports most specifically on matters relating to Spiritualism, but now and again one sees the odd article on UFOs. Editor Tim Haigh does a fine job and the P.N. is a recommended publication. Order it from your local newspaper shop for only 30 pence an issue. (*)

WORLD UFO JOURNAL No 7 (A4). Another seasoned UFOlogist, Edward Harris, has produced another fine magazine. This issue has articles on the landed Canadian flying saucer of 1991, which is now widely believed to have been a model which was blasted by smoke (according to the U.S. T.V. show SIGHTINGS). More on Roswell, and bags of UFO sightings. World UFO Journal may not always come out on time, but when it does, it's well worth waiting for. Write to; Edward Harris for more details at, 16 Newton Green, Gt. Dunmow, Essex, England, CM6 1DU.

UFO MAGAZINE, Sep/Oct 1994, (A4). This is a fine and well produced glossy magazine devoted to UFO sightings from around the world. This issue has items on Gulf Breeze, the McMinville UFO photo case, the Kecksburg UFO mystery and much more. One should be able to purchase this at any good newsagent, if not, then Subscriptions are, £12.00 (UK) \$46.00 (USA) £18.00 (Europe) Cheques payable to, Quest Publications International Ltd, send to UFO MAGAZINE, Subscription Dept, P.O. Box 2 Grassington, Skipton, North Yorkshire, England, BD23 5UY.

SPECTRAL No 2 (A5). This is just SPECTRAL'S 2nd issue, but to me it is fast becoming one of the leading small press publications devoted to ghosts and hauntings. Editor John Anderson does a fine job compiling articles on haunted Bath, science and the paranormal, and ouija boards. Subs are; £1.75 per single issue (UK) £6.00 per year 4 issues (UK). \$15.00 per year (USA), £10.00 per year Europe. Dollar bills only for American subscriptions. Send to SPECTRAL, P.O. Box 18 Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, Wales CF44 87G, United Kingdom.

3rd STONE Autumn/Winter 1994 (A4). From the Gloucestershire Earth Mystery Society, comes their new look magazine 3rd Stone, an extension of their previous publication. This is a vastly superior magazine with a good lay out and text, (the stories ain't so bad too !!) Writer Ian Campbell asks, "What is a good Ley !" (well if he doesn't know by now etc etc !) There is also articles on, Is there a secret chamber in the great pyramid ? Stone Circles, Ley Lines, UFOs, reviews and much more. Subs are; £6.00 for 3 issues, sample issue £2.50. Cheques and P.O.'s payable to, GEM and send to, 3rd STONE P.O. Box 258, Cheltenham, England, GL53 0HR.

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER, Dec 1994, (A4). Editor Steve Gerrard compiles an informative monthly newsletter with items relating to what the press has to say about UFOs, magazine reviews, T.V. shows on UFOs and the paranormal, and much more. Subscription is £5.00 per year. Don't forget Steve has a big UFO Conference coming up on the 22nd of April in Portsmouth for further details of this and to subscribe to Steve's newsletter, write to, Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, SO19 9EE, England.

THE STEADY SIGNAL, Nov/Dec 1994, (A4). This is a newsletter produced by Albert Budden who's new book Allergies & Aliens (Discovery Times Press £5.00) has opened up a great debate within UFO circles. This newsletter

is expanded on Albert's ideas, that there is no such thing as alien visitors, it's all to do with more "Earthly Properties" ! Do you want to know more ? Well write to Albert Budden, 17 Brook Road South, Brentford, Middlesex, England, TW8 ONN.

DEAD OF NIGHT No 2 (A4). This is a newcomer to the UFO and paranormal small press industry. Editor Lee Walker has turned out quite a respectable magazine devoted to looking at, (a) Halloween. (b) Noah's Ark, has it really been found. (c) The Lincoln Imp. (d) Animal Mutilations, and much more. Not a bad start. I don't see a price, but write to, Dead Of Night Magazine, 156 Bolton Road East, New Ferry, Wirral, Merseyside, England, L62 4RY for details.

IUFOPRA NEWSLETTER Oct/Dec 1994 (A4). IUFOPRA stands for, The Irish UFO And Paranormal Research Association. They were formally part of BUFORA but not so now, due to...well I won't go into that ! This newsletter is always packed full of interesting UFO information, and as there is not many UFO magazines coming from Ireland, (Indeed this might be the only one !) I suggest that you subscribe to it. Write to; Karl Morris, PRO IUFOPRA Box No 3070 Whitehall, Dublin 9 Ireland.

RATTLERS TALE No 21 (A5). R.T. is basically a magazine of fictional stories, some of which deal with the unexplained and is a good diversion from "reality" (whatever that is !). It's 80 pages are crammed full of stories and information. Subscription is £6.00 for 4 issues, or £2.00 per single issue. Cheques payable to Antony North, at Antony North Enterprises, 2A Coronation Road, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, England, WS9 9NG.

PROMISES & DISAPPOINTMENTS No 1 (A5). This is the successor to the Wild Places and Alien Scripture magazines both of which were Edited by Kevin McClure. Here Kevin has produced a much more deeper and thought provoking publication which deserves your support. It carries no airs or graces, and can be quite biting at times. Some really good articles are, The Curse Of The Space Mummies, (which looks at UFO books, films and magazines in the public eye). Also, Demons, Doctors and Aliens and much more. It also includes the biggest review of UFO and paranormal publications that I've ever seen printed. Subs are: (UK) Single issue £2.00, 4 issues £7.50. (USA) Single issue \$5.00 4 issues \$18.00. Cheques payable to Kevin McClure 42 Victoria Road, Mount Charles, St Austell, Cornwall, England, PL25 4QD.

THE PSI REPORT JANUARY 1995 (A5). This is the publication of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research and is Edited by the seasoned Investigator Daphne Plowman. Daphne always compiles a most interesting newsletter and this issue is no different. To receive the Newsletter, I believe that one has to become a member of the SSPR which is £13.00 (waged) or £7.00 (unwaged/retired) for one year. The SSPR is a recognised Scottish Charity. Write to, Daphne Plowman, 131 Stirling Drive, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, Scotland, G64 3AX for more details.

THE NOAH'S ARK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Jan 1995, (A5). This is a smashing publication devoted to the worldwide education and promotion, development and safe practice of physical mediumship. It is crammed full with information relating to spiritual circles, famous mediums of the past, and spirit forms materialising at seances. How anyone can doubt that there is not a life after death when you look at all the world-wide information

is beyond me, and the NAS Newsletter is such an informative medium within itself of providing this information, that it is a must for one to subscribe to. Subscriptions are: (UK) 85 pence single issue. £15.00 per year. (Rest of the world) £21.00 per year. This is a monthly Newsletter. Write to, Mr Alf Winchester, The Noah's Ark Society, "Treetops" Hall Road, Cromer, Norfolk, England, NR27 9JG, Tel: 01263 513067.

THE NEW UFOLOGIST No 2 (A4). This is only the magazine's second issue but is building up to be a fine mag. This issue has interesting articles on, The Stonehenge UFO Event (a very interesting UFO case). UFO Cover Up ? A case history from Sweden, and much more. Subscriptions are: (UK) £8.00 for 4 issues, £2.50 single issue. (USA) \$20.00 (in dollar bills only please). Payable to, The New UFOlogist, c/o 71 Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent, England, CT2 8PY.

THE CROP WATCHER No 23 AUTUMN 1994. This is the only crop circle magazine I get due to the great sense and direction of which Editor Paul Fuller puts into it. It's clever, it's witty, and it's also sensible. Crop Circles for me, may be a diminishing interest, but the Crop Watcher keeps what interest I have, alive. Yes a good publication this. Subscriptions are: £1.50 single issue, £6.00 per year. Cheques payable to, Paul Fuller, 3 Selbourne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hampshire, England.

(*) (The Psychic News is also available from, 2 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, London, England, WC1A 2SE).

Clash Of The UFOlogists.

A REPORT BY THE EDITOR OF A UFOLOGICAL DEBATE.



STRANGE
PHENOMENA
INVESTIGATIONS

It was back in October 1994 that I received a telephone call from Scottish radio station, Radio Clyde who asked me for loads of UFO information to assist them with the making of a radio show. "Fine, only too glad to help", said I. Little did I know it then, that the guests lined up for the show was arch UFO debunker Stuart Campbell, and Scottish Earth Mystery Chairman, Ron Halliday, an ex SPI member of whom I've crossed swords with over the years, (though thankfully, we now appear to have ironed out our differences). Anyway, in a following call from Radio Clyde researcher Katie Topping, I was then informed who would be on the show, I was only being contacted to provide them with information, (being used again I thought to myself !) Anyway, fair enough who am I to dictate to others ?

When I informed Glasgow rock group CE IV member Brian McMullen (Snr) about the situation and who would be on the show, he just couldn't believe it. "Malc" he said, "Your the guy that's personally dealt with the ongoing UFO situation in Central Scotland, the man with his finger on the UFO issue, yet Radio Clyde don't want you on the show ! I can't believe it". "Brian", I said, "It's no problem, these things happen, that's the way it is". "Over my dead body" replied Brian. I'm phoning up Radio Clyde right now to complain

and state the fact that if anyone in Scotland should be talking about UFOs, then it should be Malcolm Robinson", continued an angry Brian. And with that, he was quickly off the phone. The following day, I received another telephone call from Radio Clyde's Katie Topping. I was informed that they had had a re-think, and that on reflection, I, as one of Scotland's official UFO researchers, should also be on the show, (not a hint of what Brian McMullen had said to her). So the clash of Scotland's three top UFOlogists was set for pre-recording in late October. Would Radio Clyde provide the suits of armour I thought to myself, or would it be handbags and elastoplasts at 30 paces? I expected a most heated discussion on Scottish UFOlogy, and boy was I looking forward to the challenge.

The day arrived, and I met up with Ron Halliday and Steuart Campbell at the Radio Clyde Building in Clydebank just outside of Glasgow. We were taken to a studio, sat down, and briefed by presenter Colin Adams. Colin said, "Look chaps, don't stand on ceremony, if you've got something to say, then say it, don't be afraid. This is a free for all. I've been informed that you all have differing opinions on the subject of UFOs which I'm sure will make great debate, so go for it". A big smile came across my face as I looked directly at Ron and Steuart. I rubbed my hands and sat firm back in my chair awaiting for the bell.

Before the discussion got underway however, presenter Colin Adams ran an audio tape of interviews that Radio Clyde had done with people from Bonnybridge, (scene of many UFO reports). Councillor Billy Buchanan was also given the chance to air his views. That over, Colin Adams turned first to Steuart Campbell and said, "Steuart, you believe, according to your new book, 'The UFO Mystery Solved' that UFOs are more myth than mystery". "Certainly, the evidence does not support the claim that they are here" replied Steuart with firm conviction. Steuart went on to demolish the idea that UFOs are alien space-ships and that there can be no truth in alien entity reports. He continued by saying that no alien visitor could possibly reach Earth, I quickly replied that we must accept the possibility that superior alien races (if they are such!) may be well in advance of planet Earth with their technology, and as such, would find it no problem to reach planet Earth. Steuart replied that a space-craft could never travel at the speed of light. "Fine", I said, but how do we 'know'! this may well be within the bounds of reality some day, "never say never" !!

We then discussed Bonnybridge and the huge amount of UFO sightings that have been reported there. Steuart claimed, that the people of Bonnybridge were, in his words, "UFO Believers", and as such, that is why Bonnybridge has hit the headlines. I quickly responded to this outrageous statement, but was cut off as the presenter brought in Ron Halliday. Ron accepted that there was indeed something unusual going on over Bonnybridge as he accepted, as he put it, "witness testimony". His only gripe was to the actual number of UFO reports, which is fair enough. But what should be made clear to the readers of this Journal, is that these UFO reports did not stop back in 1992, these reports are still being made, and as such, this is why these UFO reports are indeed increasing in number. And what about the people that have witnessed something strange and have not reported their sighting! heavens knows how many of these people there are. I am aware of a good few who will not fill out any UFO report form for me, 'even if I paid them'!

The debate then moved on to discuss what the Governments of the world know, or may not know! about UFOs. Some Governments were more open about UFOs, whilst others were not. The presenter then asked me if there was one case, out of all the cases that I have researched, which I personally felt as being alien in nature. I replied that SPI's



A70 Tarbrax case, was such a case, and had certainly made me re-think my "sitting on the fence" belief as to what was behind the UFO phenomenon, (Until the A70 case came to the attention of SPI, I was undecided as to where the answer lay in regards to solving the UFO mystery, was it all atmospheric, hallucinations, secret military aircraft? or truly alien visitation?). Steuart then went on to say that he felt that there was a natural explanation to account for SPI's A70 case, (which to be honest, do not fit with the facts). The conversation then swung around to Steuart's theories as described in his book, that mirage type phenomenon, can account for a great deal of UFO reports. Here Ron Halliday quickly butted in and voiced his utter dismay at Steuart's way of thinking on this issue. I was in full appreciation of Ron Halliday's outburst "brilliant, sheer brilliant"!

We then moved on to discuss Gulf Breeze in regards to a question by the presenter who asked why is it not the case that hundreds of people together have not sighted UFOs, that it only appeared to be singular witnesses? "Not so", I replied. First of all there was a crowd of around 40,000 people at a football match in Mexico who all looked up into the sky and observed a circular flying saucer. Then there were the sightings over at Gulf Breeze in Pensacola Florida, many crowds of people have witnessed strange sights in the sky. "The Gulf Breeze sightings were started by a hoax", interjected Steuart, "You know full well they were!" It's been proved that Ed Walters did not hoax those photographs, indeed there have been other independent witness testimony plus similar photographs taken by others which would confirm Ed's testimony" I butted in. Steuart replied, "I won't accept that, I won't accept that".

The conversation then developed into, if there were aliens visiting us, what do they want? and would they work to the same methods that we humans would do. The debate got quite heated at this point, and I'm sure that the temperature in the room increased by a few degrees. We then moved onto the abduction issue, in which I stated that UFOlogy today seemed more concerned with the on-growing world-wide abduction reports. Steuart expressed his concern with the hypnosis which was widely used by researchers world wide to provide some form of answer, (which I must admit I too express these same concerns, however, having said that, I still feel that hypnosis is a tool which should be used to probe the UFO mystery to see if it unlocks any secrets, but I do agree it has it's pitfalls).

Ron Halliday then stated that he did not like Steuart Campbell's theory to explain Scotland's famous Livingston event of 1979. Steuart initially felt that what Bob Taylor encountered was a rare form of black ball lightning, he revised this view some years later, now thinking that what Bob experienced that fateful morning, was a mirage of the planet Venus, which subsequently induced on Bob, an epileptic fit!! Steuart still sticks by his revised explanation.

Steuart was then asked by presenter Colin Adams if there were any cases that he couldn't explain with his theories, cases that left him speechless; Steuart replied, "Not speechless. There are cases in which I haven't had enough information". I then interrupted, that not only did Steuart's current book, 'The UFO Mystery Solved' disprove some of UFOlogy's more better cases, but his previous book to that, 'The Loch Ness Monster, The Evidence' also dismissed Nessie as a living creature, I went on, (and somewhat sarcastically), "Steuart, do you believe in anything"? To which Steuart replied, "I'll admit to being a professional sceptic".

In closing this most 'jostling debate', my thoughts to the listening audience, were that, I for one, was glad that there were people like Steuart Campbell who made Investigators like Ron Halliday and I sit up and take notice of alternative explanations. But really, we as UFOlogists, must keep asking questions and go forward with our UFO research, for to stop would be foolish. Ron's closing comments were, that at the moment we haven't an answer to the UFO enigma, but in his view, various strange things were

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going on. The discussion then extended at this point into the radar detection of UFO objects in which Stuart expressed his concern with radar operators not knowing their sets, and that many 'distortion effects' can be picked up on radar, (which I too accept but certainly not in all cases). At this point presenter Colin Adams said, "gentlemen, a fascinating subject of which we could discuss all night, but I'm afraid time has beaten us".

It had been an entertaining debate, and one that I had enjoyed taking part in. I was 'heavily' impressed with Ron Halliday's comments throughout, and indeed, at one part of the show, I had actually patted him on the back! Although heated at times, the debate never really got anywhere, nobody's opinions were changed, and we all went home with the same views as we had arrived with. Still, it had been worth-while, not just for me, but for Joe Public to I expect. The UFO subject appears to be gaining ground in popularity, with items on T.V. and radio, and many articles in the Scottish press.

UFO sightings are most certainly on the increase in Scotland, and it makes me wonder how further forward (if at all) Scottish UFOlogy will be in say ten years from now. Will we have the elusive answer? Who knows, but one thing for sure, I aint about to give up. Wherever the true answer finally lies to the UFO mystery, I for one will be there with my SPI colleagues chasing down all avenues till we find it, and if it all does turn out to be the result of mirages as speculated by Stuart Campbell, then fine. We're looking for answers, and until such a time as we get that answer, the search goes on.

Report by Malcolm Robinson.

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THE LATEST ON THE CRAIGLUSCAR RESERVOIR UFO PHOTOGRAPH, TAKEN ON THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1994.

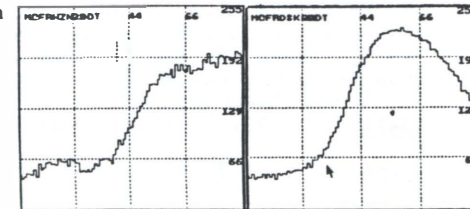


Readers may recall from our May-June issues of ENIGMAS last year, of a very interesting UFO photographic case which came our way. Dr Tom Moir at the University of Paisley near Glasgow, conducted tests on the photograph but was unable to come to any firm conclusion as to what the object might be. However, he is of the opinion that the object is real, in as much that there was something clearly in the sky. With the help of BUFORA'S Director of Investigations, Philip Mantle, Philip managed to secure the services of the Mutual UFO Network's staff photoanalyst Jeff Sainio of Heartland WI, USA to conduct some computer enhancement tests on the photo. The following is an extract from a letter returned by Jeff to Philip, it reads thus.

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"Two photos were submitted showing a lake under overcast skies. An aerial flat disc is clearly seen in one photo; the other shows a tiny dot. The second photo's image is too small for any useful analysis, it could be, say, a distant bird or airplane, and be indistinguishable. The first photo plainly is not a misidentification; the disc is either an unknown object or a fraud. The second photo corroborates the witness testimony but adds nothing more."

"A focus check of the UFO edges as shown in the enclosed CLIP 1, shows that the edge sharpness of the UFO versus the horizon, is as would be expected for a distant object. The diffuse horizon trees appear noisy, as would be expected, and the apparently rounded edges of the UFO give the appearance of poorer focus than it really is. So the UFO is plausibly a distant object"

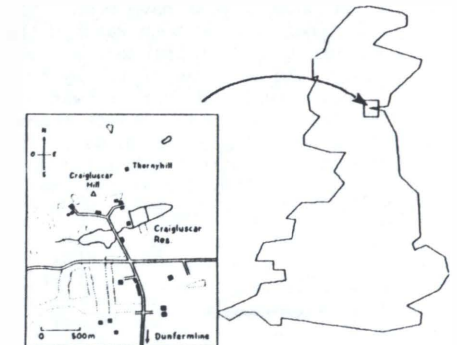


"Distant with many lenses can nearly be past 5 or 10 metres easily in range of a thrown model, so this proves little. A thrown model may show evidence of motion streaking during the camera exposure; none was found, nor was any of the horizon appeared to be streaked due to camera motion as the photographer paced the UFO. This also corroborates the witness testimony, although a quick exposure, or a thrown model which is moving directly away from the camera, would naturally show no evidence of motion-streaking. The ring on top of the UFO, appears to be evidence of more than nearly a paint-ring typical of a frisbee; since it is not visible on the opposite side of the UFO, this is consistent with a raised disc attached to the main disc. This shape is atypical with a frisbee, but some hubcap would need to be considered".

"The disc is slightly reddish-green on the central disc, and bluish on the outer disc, after colour-correction compared to the sky. A simple chrome hubcap would not show this colour variation. This evidence is weak, but argues 'against' the hubcap theory".

Now Jeff has asked for further information from witness and photographer Ian MacPherson. Ian has promised to provide this information, and we at SPI hope that this further information may help clear up a few points of which Jeff has asked for. And although this article has not provided an answer to account for this photograph, we felt, (owing to the request of our readers asking for any more information) to provide the latest information on this photo.

More tests by different Universities and such, will be undertaken for comparison results. SPI require a good few opinions on the matter, not just one, and to this end we shall keep you posted, I'm quite sure that there will be more to follow.



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S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.

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PREFACE.

Some readers have asked that SPI ENIGMAS keep them in step with what cases we are currently Investigating, and to this end I now present some cases of which we are presently researching. Now it's fair to say that there may be a natural explanation to account for some of them, but then again, there may not be. And as yet, and until further details surface, the following cases are as yet, "unexplained". See what you make of them.

DATE: 23rd October 1994.

TIME: 06.55am.

LOCATION: En route from Glasgow Airport to Las Palmas Airport.

This is a major case, and one in which SPI are pulling out all the stops to provide an answer. The following, is a statement written up by witness Diane McCune (27), who, accompanied by her husband, were flying out from Glasgow Airport for a holiday in Lanzarote on Air Europa flight number AEA 228. This is what Diane had to say to SPI.

We had been airborne for around 30 to 35 minutes and it was just getting light outside. I looked out of the window of the aircraft and was shocked to see a small military jet flying at a rough distance of 200-300 feet out and below us. It flew very fast in the opposite direction to the aircraft, nose to tail. I was quite shaken by the close proximity of this jet to the plane. 15-20 minutes later, I was again looking out of the window, (we were on the left hand side of the plane), and we had just watched the sunrise. We were well above the clouds at an altitude of between 35,000 and 39,000 feet, and looking out over a clear blue sky.

I then noticed, just north west of the aircraft, perhaps a mile or so away, what I first thought must have been a vapour trail from another large aircraft heading in our direction. We both watched the object travel closer to the plane. At this point we were totally perplexed, and very alarmed. We were both observing the object and could make no sense of it. My husband then said that it was definitely not another plane. I realised that it "was not" a vapour trail, but a very long, between 500 & 600 feet long, solid object resembling a cigar or long tube. The sheer size of this thing had totally thrown me at first, and I could only imagine that something so long in our current situation could only be a trail of some kind. Although as I continued to watch, I realised that the long cigar shape was not an emission. There was no object adjoining this, no wings or tails, but a long solid object moving on its own.



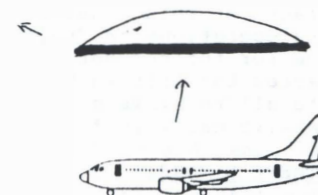
THE WITNESSED UFO.

My brother and his girlfriend had begun to watch the object, and a few other people seemed to be watching it, but most of the passengers were dozing, and/or had their blinds drawn as the sun was becoming quite warm through the windows on our side. The object flew at first in an almost vertical position, it continued to move closer without making a turn, it changed direction and began moving sideways parallel to the plane, from north south of the plane. It then levelled out into a horizontal position, and then began to tilt again at a 135 degree angle. It continued across, then levelled out horizontally once again.

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THE SIZE AND MOVEMENTS OF THE OBJECT AS
DEPICTED BY WITNESS DIANE McCUNE.
RE-DRAWN BY EDITOR.

At this point it was straight ahead as we looked out of the window on our side of the plane, at a rough distance of a half mile away. I could now see that the long dark cigar shape, was quite clearly a disc shaped object, like an upside down very shallow bowl. The bottom of the object which we first observed as a long tube, seemed to be vibrating, or moving in a manner that was difficult to grasp. I couldn't make sense of the movement, but it was moving very, very fast, while the top disc part of the object was not moving at all.



There was a hazier shadow outlining the top part of the object, whereas the bottom rim was very solid and dark. The sun was behind the object, I believe this may have been why the bottom rim was so dark in shadow. The top section of the object was pale grey, so pale, that if the sun hadn't been behind the object casting such dark shadows around it's rim, we may never have spotted the object so easily. The object was no smaller than 500 feet long. It was 'enormous', the military jet would have been at least a tenth of the size of the object at the same distance. There were no protrusions from the disc, and no emissions.

It remained in this position for around 5 - 10 minutes, not changing it's size or position, so that it must have been keeping up speed with the aircraft. It then diminished to roughly half of it's original size, then it vanished. It did not fade into the distance, but as hard as this is to believe, it just seemed to vanish. This was completely baffling as there was nowhere for this object to hide. Approximately 10 - 15 minutes later, another military jet appeared. This time it flew in the same direction as the plane, alarmingly close to us. It was just back and above us by about 100 feet, sitting just off and behind the left wing tip of the plane. We had to look back to see it, but it was very visible and very close. It was a green military jet. It remained like this for about 15 - 20 minutes, it appeared as though it was escorting the aircraft. It must have dropped back out of sight, because it did not fly past us, at least not that we could see from our side of the aircraft.

I did attempt to confront one of the stewards, but his english was poor. He did understand some of what I said, and assured me he would speak to the captain. I gave up at this because it was very difficult to communicate with them. This was after we had landed at Las Palmas. I have never seen anything like this before, and I am still astounded by the enormity of the object. I am convinced that it was not of terrestrial origin, certainly nothing that we are aware of. I cannot deny what I saw so very clearly with my own eyes. As naive as this may sound, I do think that we are entitled to some kind of explanation, as to the sheer closeness of those jets, particularly the second jet. We would have been in British airspace, as we had been in the air for roughly 15 minutes. I was quite alarmed by these jets, and the fact that they were so close to us. This made me very nervous indeed.

When you are over 35,000 feet up in the air on a civilian aircraft, the last thing you expect to see are Military jets buzzing around an enormous disc shaped object flying so close, although the disc did seem to stay at a more respectable distance from the plane. As the pilots were obviously in contact with Air Traffic Control, we have speculated

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that they possibly spotted the object before it became visible to us, giving time for the first jet to appear, and so on.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Well SPI have draughted a letter to Glasgow Airport informing them about the facts of this case, and we await their reply. We will also contact Europa operations in Spain, and also the Civil Aviation Authority Press Office for further details, (Crew members, stewardesses etc). I have also contacted the British Ministry of Defence to launch their own enquiry. And to all this, we shall keep you posted with further updates on this impressive case, in future issues of ENIGMAS.

BUT THERE'S MORE !

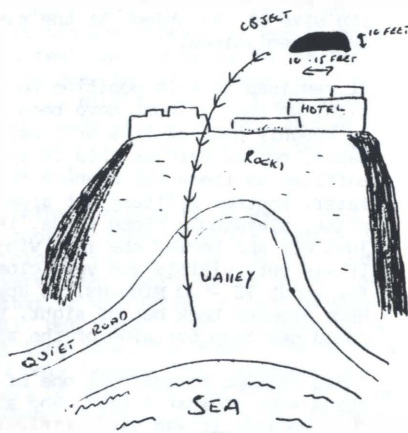
Three days later at their holiday destination, Diane and her husband Gary, were witness to yet another Unidentified Flying Object. The following is a statement sent to SPI by Diane and reads as follows.

On the thursday evening (27th October), we were sitting around the pool bar, it would have been around 11.30pm, and we were the only people at the bar. Our complex was built along the cliff top and overlooking a small bay. We were perhaps 200 - 300 feet up. We had been hearing this odd noise and were wondering what it could have been. It occurred maybe four or five times in about half an hour. We could hear the noise extremely clearly as it was a very quiet area. The main centre of Puerto Rico being a good twenty minute walk down the hill.

I can only describe it as a sort of high pitched whirring, followed by a sharp piercing sound. It was a very strange noise and hard to describe accurately. Whatever was causing the sound was very close as it was quite loud. It seemed to come from one direction and then another. We were quite puzzled by the sound and what could be making it, as there was nothing but the apartment complex itself in the area, and the complex was very quiet. It was not an animal sound, this I am definite about, but a more mechanical sound.

A short while after this, another couple came along and sat at the table next to us. They were chatting to my husband and my brother's girlfriend, when my brother nudged me and indicated towards the sky and said, "What's that" ? I couldn't see anything at first, and then I noticed the object. It flew past us very quickly and silently in a kind of semi circle, maybe 30 feet above us, and roughly 40-50 feet from us.

It was shaped like a loaf of bread and was dark and dull grey in colour, it was not shiny; and there were no lights or protrusions of any kind. It just flew past us and out towards the sea, where we could no longer see it as it was dark. The sighting lasted no more than a minute. We never heard the sound again after this. It's size was roughly 10 feet at it's widest point, and between 10 - 15 feet in length. The others never saw this as they were in conversation with this other couple, and it all happened very quickly. Although after the couple left, my husband did ask us what we had been looking at as he had seen us pointing. We cannot imagine what this could have been, as it flew at roof height through the valley and towards the sea, something any kind of aircraft would



not be permitted to do at such close range, and it was completely silent as it did this.

DIANE McCUNE.

DATE: 1st January 1995.

TIME: 05.00am.

LOCATION: Dual Carrigeway, Castlecary, Central Scotland.

This is another interesting case within Stirlingshire and near the location of Bonnybridge. As we'll learn, photographs were taken of this UFO of which I'll discuss after we first of all read the written statement sent to SPI by witness Craig Black (20). It reads thus:

On Sunday 1st January at approximately 5 a.m. my girlfriend and I were travelling along the dual carrigeway adjacent to Castlecary returning home from a friend's party. Karen, my girlfriend exclaimed, "What is that" ??? I looked out of the car window and saw a large bright white light hovering above the trees at the other side of the field. My first thought was that it might have been a helicopter or a star very low in the horizon. I slowed the car down to around 40.m.p.h. to get a better look. It was obviously not a star, and was over the trees. What was also apparent was that the light was not actually the whole object, but a central light.

Karen scrambled for her camera and got one shot off with the flash. This was when we both got scared. For as soon as the flash went off, the object started moving, it matched the speed of the car exactly and had moved closer and was about 400 yards away. The object then started moving with incredible speed towards the railway bridge, (Scene of the Procek UFO sighting featured on L.W.T's, Strange But True ? Ed) we were approaching. A small tail had formed from the central light, and the object started moving up and down as though avoiding the tops of the trees.

The flash on the camera had stopped working, but Karen took more photographs anyway. Also, the tail that had formed from the central light did not follow the pattern that the object was moving in, it stayed pointing diagonally upwards no matter which way the object moved. The object then abruptly stopped moving with the car, and headed towards it. I panicked and put the foot down on the accelerator.



THE OBJECT WITNESSED.

When I turned off the dual carrigeway at Banknock/Haggs, we lost sight of the object due to the fact that the slip road turns back on itself and the country-side cannot be seen because of buildings etc. However, between Longcroft and Dennyloanhead, you can see back towards the dual carrigeway, and again we could see the object. It was a lot further away and appeared to be surrounded by cloud, but it was still at a very low altitude. I then stopped in Dennyloanhead to drop Karen off at a friend's house, nobody answered, so we headed towards my house which is only a quarter of a mile away. When I reached the junction at the bottom of the street, the object was there again. This time it was maybe sixty feet in the air and about 250 feet directly in front of us.

I stopped the car and couldn't believe what I saw. The clouding had gone, and I could now see the distinct outline of the object, (as sketched above). All I could see was this impossible shape with it's fixed light. There were many faint tiny red lines running around the edges of the shape, and some towards the central light.

We rushed to my house and told my parents, (biggest mistake of my life !) and then went straight to my bedroom to look out of the window. It could still be seen from my window, but again had moved further away, and the clouds were again surrounding the shape. We left it at that, and decided to get the photos developed as soon as possible.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Well both witnesses have returned their completed BUFORA R1 UFO account form. Checks with the local police have indicated no further witnesses, and checks with the airports have shown no aircraft in the vicinity. Only one photograph shows this bright light, (the rest of the photographs did not come out). This particular photograph has been subjected to enhancement at a Scottish University in which the resolution has been blown up from 50 times to 200 times; sadly this has not proved to be helpful as it does not provide us with any conclusions as to this particular photograph. SPI would like to thank John Jenkins for his contact at this Scottish University, and getting the tests done.

DATE: 26th December 1994.

TIME: 05.40am.

LOCATION: Just outside the town of Grangemouth, Central Scotland.

This is yet another interesting case involving the occupants of a car, which as we'll see, was "buzzed" by a strange flying object. The actual area involved with this case, was not really far from our previous case. Again, see what you make of this. Witnesses were, Mark Wilson (25) and his girlfriend Jane McDonald (23). From Mark's UFO account form we learn the following.

It was boxing day at about 05.40am, we were on our way home from Stirling travelling along the M.9 Motorway. Jane and I noticed a large bright glowing light, of which at first we didn't take too much notice of, but when we got right into Grangemouth, we noticed that this light was not moving, it was hovering over near Bonnybridge. We noticed, as we travelled further up the motoway, that it was moving towards us, it was as if it had a magnet on our car and it was staying at the same distance away from us but travelling along at the same speed. I took the car up to 90 M.P.H. and this object kept pace. When we slowed down, it slowed down too.

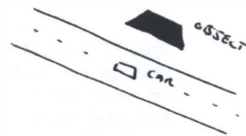
We were both very scared at this time. It was at the right hand side of our car, and then just like a speeding bullet, it shot over to the left hand side of our car. A few seconds later it again shot over to the right hand side of the car, then again back to the left hand side where it remained. The object then shot straight up into the sky and was gone in seconds.

MARK WILSON.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Well the usual procedures have been applied with the police and Airports being contacted, and as yet, nothing has surfaced to provide an answer.

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DATE: Sunday 28th March 1978.

TIME: During the night, witness unsure of exact time.

LOCATION: Kirkintilloch Scotland.

SPI member Gary Blair from Renfrew looked into this particular case in which he spoke to a woman who wishes to remain anonymous, he refers to her in this report, as Jane. Jane is in her late fifties. Here is Gary's report.

Sunday was a normal day, the family went to church then went out for a drive in the country, nothing unusual happened. On going to bed however, she saw a light shining through the blinds, she never took much notice due to the fact that cars coming up the hill at night often shone their lights through her window, but this light however, did not cease as it should. Jane heard a strange drone, a sort of pulsating noise. She decided to look out of her window, and what she saw shocked her. She saw (in her words), a transparent flying saucer. She could still see the houses across the road from her house. Jane seems to think that it was an image, rather than a solid object, as it was far too big to actually land in her particular street.

She turned round to ask her husband to come and take a look, and suddenly found herself walking along a long corridor. Jane said that she was not in the least bit frightened, in fact, she found it rather euphoric. She kept asking questions to herself only to find that she was able to answer them automatically, (not a voice in her head). Jane said that she is very vain at times, and was shocked to discover that she was bare footed and in her nightdress. She said that she was more worried about someone seeing her in that state, than she was of being on an alien spacecraft.

There was a soft warm light all along the corridor. She then came to in a glass partition, and could see "people" on the other side working away as if in a hurry. Again she was worried as to the state she was in, but was relieved to find that they did not take much notice of her. Jane thought that they were just doing their job. These "beings", she described as being tall, short blonde hair, and very beautiful. Her thoughts were that one was a man and one was a woman, but why she is not sure as it was not that obvious. They had silvery type suits on. As the "man" turned to look at the "woman", Jane noticed that there was still no reaction from them. She was still not frightened.

She now felt that she was in a dome at the centre of the ship. It had seats all around the walls. She noticed a man in pyjamas there also. She does not recall any experiments on her, nor does she recall being taken back to her bed. When she woke up in the morning, she vividly remembered the abduction from the night before. She also had two small pin pricks on her arm, as if they had taken blood samples. She was off her work for two to three weeks after this encounter. Jane seemed to think it was radioactive sickness, but the doctors said that it was a virus. She felt that she was going to die with this ailment, but fully recovered. There has been no hypnosis involved with the retelling of this story.

GARY BLAIR.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Very little I'm afraid. The witness involved does not wish any further investigation, and certainly no hypnosis. One might think that the aforementioned account, is purely a dream which is probably fair comment. But

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the abduction phenomenon is so complex and riddled with absurdities, that the problem for the Investigator, is sifting out what is real and what is not ! And of course, if it's all in the mind anyway ! Still, these cases have to be addressed and remain a challenge to any Investigator.

DATE: 24th November 1994.

TIME: 06.00am ?

LOCATION: Bonnybridge Central Scotland.

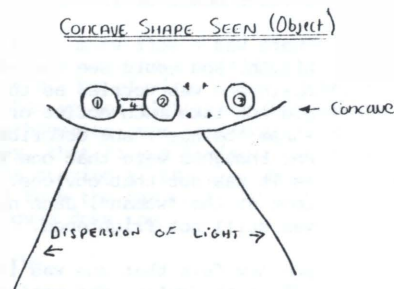
Well I'll tell you what, this is a weird one ! It all started off by one person's dream of seeing a UFO at close range, however, dream or not, the actual sighting of the object was confirmed by the dreamer's father who was outside his son's home as his son was inside dreaming (?) Now the father was the very first person to come forward to Councillor Billy Buchanan about the UFO sightings in Bonnybridge back in 1992 with his own sighting, and the rest as they say, is history. This is a weird one, see what you make of this. The following is the written testimony of witness/dreamer (?) Colin Muir (20). (pseudonym).

The following account, is of a dream I had on the 24th of November 1994. I remember standing outside underneath the garage door which is at the gable end of the house. I was staring upwards at what appeared to be two objects of light which were initially motionless, approximately 60 - 80 feet above the ground. The angle in which the bright light shone downwards made it hard to distinguish whether there were one or two separated objects. However, when one of the objects of light moved, (the one on the right), I could see a concave shape, with what seemed to be a rotating disc, similar to a propeller

When this object moved, it was only for a short distance, approximately 10 feet. It moved quickly in a straight line, stopped for about 5 seconds, then returned to its original position. The light shining from the object was bright enough to light up the whole of our garage area, like a flood-light. Suddenly I noticed my dad standing on the path at the front of the house which leads to the garage. He too was looking upwards at the two objects. He said, "check your watch, its six o'clock". I looked at my watch, and 'it was six o'clock'. When I looked back up towards my dad, he was walking away as if he was going into the house.

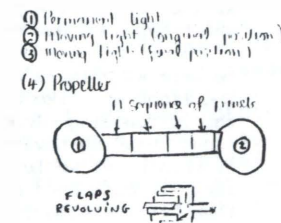
I remember feeling completely relaxed and unafraid. I stepped forward from beneath the garage door, and as I did so, I didn't take my eyes off the objects. The object on the right hand side started to move again, but this time it made a straight line for me until it was about 3 feet away from my head. The bright light was still present, but it wasn't bright enough to cause me to look away or shield my eyes. I could see through the centre of the light which seemed to put me into a trance. It didn't make me go to sleep, because I can remember as I looked into the light, I saw what looked like a traffic cone from the peak to the base, a sort of tunnelling effect.

Then the object started to move from one side of my head to the other, much like a windscreen wiper on a car. As it did so, a really relaxed feeling came over me.



This feeling is really indescribable. It had a sort of calming effect, even though I didn't feel tense or stressed, and it totally relaxed my body as if I was weightless (floating). I've had general anaesthetics in the past which you can feel relaxing your body, but this experience was really great. My head was drooped downwards at this point. I remember seeing very bright light for about 3 seconds then the light started to fade and I could see myself coming down onto the red chips, (small stones) that surround the garage. I didn't come to on my feet, I was lying in the recovery position that first aid people use. I could still see the light and the tunnel effect that I mentioned earlier, when I was wakened by ringing. When I woke up, I had the feeling that I must remember what had just happened to me.

At this point, I heard my mum saying, "on the roof", and someone started running down the hall. I thought we must have burglars, so I jumped up and ran into my mum's bedroom. I asked what was happening, and she said, "Jim had phoned to say that there was a UFO above our house". I said, "that's weird, I've just had a dream about that". I turned around and ran after my dad. We both ran outside and looked up into the sky. We looked all around the house but saw nothing. When I went back into the house, I started to tell her (my mum) all about my dream. When I got to the part when my dad was saying, "check your watch, its six o'clock", my mum said, "that's uncanny Colin, it would have been about six fifteen/six twenty when Jim phoned. I looked at the clock in the bedroom, and it was six twenty-three.



COLIN MUIR.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Well as far as we can gather, there were no aircraft activity in the area in question on this particular night. We are still checking out for helicopters, although it's fair to say, at this close range, a helicopter would surely have been heard. I've spoken to both witnesses, and I have no cause to doubt their testimony. It's just yet another fascinating case from Bonnybridge, and, like I've said before, we'll never know how many other cases there may be like this but those people will not come forward.

DATE: From Tuesday 13th December 1994 till January 1995 (ongoing).

TIME: Various times, mostly late evening, early morning.

LOCATION: Near Braco Perthshire and also parts of Stirlingshire.

The following case, is from the written notes of a repeater witness, that is, one who claims to view UFOs on a regular basis. This chap has seen quite a number of strange lights in the sky, not only viewed by himself I might add, but by other members of his family and friends. I will only relate a small part of his documentation here.

Spurred on by the previous night's sightings, I decided to drive up to the Campsie Hills to a layby which has a viewpoint over Falkirk and the Glasgow area. On my way there, I had seen some strange flaring lights in the direction I was going towards the hills. At one point as I was driving on this road, I saw a very large craft low down in the hills banking away from me, 2 green lights, 1 red light with ice blue strobe flashes from tip to tip. It appeared like an aeroplane except that it was

silent. Only dull outlines could be made out between the lights. It's whole appearance was "ghostly". I stopped the car, got out, and it disappeared behind the hills. The night was quiet with no aeroplane noises.

ANOTHER SIGHTING: Later that night, George and I drove down to Dunblane time 6,50pm, to pick up Ian and go to the Campsie Hills viewpoint to see what we could see ! On the way up the Carron Bridge Road, we saw ahead of us, low down, a "craft" motionless. No sooner had we stopped the car to have a better look, than it moved off west below the horizon. We arrived at the viewpoint . I'll report the event which happened out of the night's viewing.

We were watching a bright light in the cloud. The light was like a spot light illuminating the surrounding cloud. Then it 'burst out of the cloud' heading towards us showing two big lights. At this point we left the car to have a better view. It continued on towards us getting clearer. Then, it was almost as if "they" saw us for "they" immediately reversed away from us. When it performed this movement, we were treated to an amazingly clear sharp edge view of which I took to be the underside of the craft (as shown above).

JIM HUNTER.

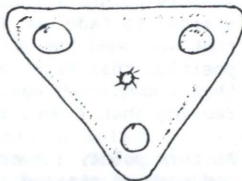
SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

This information and much more, has just recently been passed on to SPI and the usual procedures will be applied. Needless to say, SPI aim to have a few skywatches in this area and we'll keep you posted as to how we get on.

O.K. So there we are, these are but a few cases relating to UFO sightings that have come to the attention of SPI recently. They are of course still under Investigation and may prove to have natural explanations. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, some readers asked to be kept informed of any recent UFO sightings, and to this end I decided to let you the reader become aware of the above. Updates on these cases and more, will be featured in upcoming issues of SPI ENIGMAS. Report by Editor.

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TITLE: ALIEN IDENTITIES.

AUTHOR: RICHARD L. THOMPSON. **PUBLISHER:** GOVARDHAN HILL.

PRICE: U.S. \$19.95. CANADA. \$24.00.

The size of this book in bulk and content, is somewhat overpowering at first, but the way in which the content is written, and what Richard Thompson is saying, is very impressive indeed. I have never been so impressed by a book on this subject before, and I cannot recommend it enough. It is a must for any serious Investigator of any phenomena and not just UFOlogy. The methods used to Investigate and prove his subject, are a lesson to us all. Richard Thompson looks at the case for UFOs in the past by painstakingly sifting through the ancient writings of India. Thompson uncovers evidence which suggests that ancient civilisations had contact with extraterrestrials for thousands of years. Okay, it has been done before, Von Daniken and Sitchin etc, but in my opinion, never like this. He does not jump straight into the ancient legends, he slowly unravels the Investigations by looking at key sightings in the 'modern era' by more credible people, ie, scientists, engineers, etc, and the role that various Government bodies play in the covering up of details.

Every aspect of UFOlogy is covered in the first part of this detail piece of Investigation. How to Investigate, the things to look out for, and how to document them. It is only after offering up excellent advice on this, that Richard Thompson introduces us to the fascinating world of the ancient writings of India. The startling similarities of these ancient writings, and the modern age are mind boggling. Sightings in the sky, landings, abductions, cattle mutilations, they had the lot. The contents of the book are to vast to go into detail, but suffice to say, all aspects of modern day UFOlogy have occurred in ancient times, and the book brings a new light on a subject that has obviously been on the minds of our ancestors in times past. ALIEN IDENTITIES is going to be included in my library of UFO books. It is an Investigators manual. An Encyclopedia of UFOlogy, and a historical Investigation into mans link with extraterrestrials and the birth of legends and Gods. Get out and get it.

Reviewed by Billy Devlin.

(Editor's Note. ALIEN IDENTITIES was chosen as one of 3 finalists for the prestigious Benjamin Franklin awards at the ABA convention in Los Angeles).

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TITLE: STRANGE BUT TRUE ?

AUTHORS: JENNY RANGLES & PETER HOUGH.

PRICE: £10.99 (pbk) PUBLISHER: PIATKUS BOOKS.

This is the book of the hit T.V. series, STRANGE BUT TRUE ? Television programmes on the paranormal, have, over the years, tended to fall into the sceptical variety. Very rarely have we in Britain seen a broad and open minded and unbiased programme on UFOs and the paranormal. However, this was all to change when this new T.V. series hosted by the ever ageing Michael Aspel hit the British T.V. screens on Friday 28th October 1994. The actual programme itself, consisted of two 15 minute segments devoted to different aspects of the paranormal. The seven episode run of STRANGE BUT TRUE ? proved very successful, and the show's Editor, David Alpin wrote to me recently informing me that they will shortly be undertaking a second series of which he hopes SPI can play a part.

Okay, but what about the book ? Well the book's authors Jenny Randles and Peter Hough are well known Investigators in the United Kingdom and they worked as advisors for the show. Both Jenny and Peter present many fascinating cases throughout the book, cases on psychic detective Nella Jones who has assisted the police in murder enquires, apparitions in Dover Castle. The haunting at Borely Rectory, people who foresee the future, and Angels who have saved peoples lives. These are but some of the many psychic and paranormal incidents which are peppedared through this excellent book.

But what about UFOs ? Well probably the best episode from the T.V. series which again is featured in this book, is the incident that occurred in Rendlesham Forest near Suffolk in England back in 1980. U.S. airmen stationed at the nearby RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge, were subjected to two nights of incredible UFO activity which was deliberately "hushed up" by those in power. It soon leaked out however, and many base personel came forward with their accounts of that eventful night. This is probably the U.K.s best UFO case. But was it extraterrestrial, or a secret Military/Air Force aircraft that crashed as it came into base ? If the testimony of the many base personel is correct and honest, then the object described and it's performance, is currently above anything that we have flying at this point in time. The chapter on the Rendlesham Forest incident, makes fascinating reading.

As readers may know, we at SPI assisted London Weekend Television in the making of one episode, that which concerned the huge wave of UFO sightings over the town of Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire (Central Scotland). To try and cram in the Bonnybridge story in just 15 minutes was obviously going to be hard, especially when the segment would also include the Livingston Incident, (Bob Taylor), and also SPIs A70 Tarbrax Incident, the strange encounter which occurred to Garry Wood and his friend Colin Wright.

However, what was most displeasing about this book of the series, was the way in which the authors made a glaring mistake on page 129. They state,

There were those (un-named) who have rather cynically suggested that Billy Buchanan's promotion of the Bonnybridge affair may have owed something to opportunism. This thought surfaced when the Japanese arrived "WITH PIPE BANDS AND A UFO SHAPED CAKE" (Reviewer's emphasis).

For goodness sake, how many times do people have to be told ! The Japanese "DID NOT" arrive with a pipe band. We, ie Councillor Billy Buchanan and SPI, decided to show our overseas friends, the good old Scottish hospitality that we Scots are renowned for by one lone piper who piped the Japanese T.V. crew into the Norwood Hotel. This was done purely to show our friendship and was not a publicity stunt. I'll tell you this, it will be a bad day indeed when the Scottish people turn their back on overseas visitors. The piper was there to show our friendship and warmth to the people of Japan; as for the UFO shaped cake, what on earth is the problem with that. It would appear to me that some people are out to attack the credibility of SPI and Councillor Buchanan, and I am not referring to the authors !

Some individuals (of whom I won't name here) and to some extent the two authors of this book by the slant of writing the chapter on Scottish UFOs, would imply that the Bonnybridge UFO wave is a publicity stunt, yet they have no problems in accepting the Pennine UFO window area in Yorkshire, or indeed other UFO "hot spots" elsewhere in England. ! I may have interpreted their writing of this chapter wrong, and if so, I would apologise. The fact remains however, that the UFO sightings over Bonnybridge and Central Scotland are continuing and remain as elusive as ever. Credible people are reporting incredible sightings, and to those who think that this is all one big publicity stunt, I would say, get your butt up here and look at the evidence, don't pre-judge behind a desk.

Okay, sorry about that, I think I got a wee bit off the track but it needed to be said. To be honest though, this is a fine book with many colourful illustrations throughout. It is the perfect book as a starter for any upcoming students of the paranormal, and as such, I recommend it highly.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

NEW IN PAPERBACK



TITLE: SUPERNATURAL BRITAIN.

AUTHOR: PETER HOUGH. PUBLISHER: PIATKUS BOOKS.

PRICE: £8.99 (pbk)

This book, subtitled, "A guide to Britain's most haunted places" takes the reader on a wonderful journey through some of Britain's most supernatural places. What makes this book different from so many others, is that author Peter Hough, not only tells the tale of the haunted location, but actually provides the reader with information on how to visit it himself with maps and valuable directions. The book is jammed full of fascinating tales of ghostly apparitions throughout Britain. There are also chapters on, The Witches of Pendle Forest, Encounters on Ilkley Moor, The Warminster Thing, Magical Glastonbury, Morgawr, the Sea Monster, The Highgate Vampire, and the haunted tower of London, plus many many more strange tales from England and Wales.

SPI assisted Peter (in part) with information for his chapter on strange tales from Scotland. Peter goes on to inform the reader about the many strange sightings of a creature which inhabits Loch Morar similar in appearance to "Nessie". SPI's dowsing survey at Loch Morar back in 1990 is mentioned, and ex SPI member Ron Halliday is quoted as saying;

"All around the loch side, north and south, the indications from movement of the dowsing rods were that regularly spaced lines of unknown energy passed from the hill sides into the loch, and, I suspect, travelled across (or under) Loch Morar to emerge on the opposite bank".

Yes, I recall that expedition well, I have many fond memories of those lazy afternoons scanning Loch Morar, hoping to see a head or hump rise to the surface. We never did though ! Peter goes on to relate sightings of Scotland's better known water "beastie", The Loch Ness Monster, he also discusses the dark secret of Glamis Castle and the many ghosts that inhabit it's dark and gloomy corridors. Scottish UFOlogy is also presented, with segments on, as he calls it, The Bonnybridge UFO Invasion, in which I describe the town as a "second Warminster", (a town in England which was subjected to a high rise of UFO reports back in the 1960's). The Livingston Incident is also featured, as is SPI's A70 UFO Incident in which Garry Wood accompanied by his friend Colin Wright, drove underneath a UFO which was hovering about 20 feet above the road's surface. SPI's Larbert UFO video case, as well as our Craiglusker Reservoir photographic case, are also given a mention.

To this reviewer, this is an excellent book and will surely guide the supernatural traveller down many twisting and turning avenues where ghostly and paranormal activity has taken place. So forget Blackpool, forget the Isle of Man, put this book in your haversack and take your first cautious step forward, but most of all, don't forget your bicycle clips !!!

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: UFO QUEST.

AUTHOR: ALAN WATTS. PUBLISHER: BLANDFORD PRESS.

PRICE: £7.99 (pbk)



Deary deary me ! To think that many trees lost their life to make way for this inaccurate and very misleading UFO book is a tragedy beyond description. Where do I start, and how long should I go on for ? Let's start with George Adamski, the author states, and I quote, "The photographs that Adamski took of Leviathans in March 1951 and May 1952, are I believe genuine, and some of the best ever taken". Good God man where have you been ! these photographs were proved fakes years ago. Also, the faked photographs of Steven Darbishire taken in 1954 which look similar to George Adamski's "scout craft", were also proven to have been faked. As to were those taken by Alexander Birch both presented in this book as "real".

Another vastly inaccurate statement, is that which can be found on page 126 which describes a Victorian Close Encounter. This concerns the sighting of an object by one William Robert Loosley back in 1871. This was uncovered as one big hoax only a few years ago, although I must admit the details of this escape me for now, perhaps some of our readers may once again enlighten me. On page 142 the author discusses crop circles, and in particular the famous Mandelbrot Formation, he has this to say..."The chances of this being a hoax are absolutely nil, and it is, in my opinion, a waste of time to dwell on the matter". I contacted Paul Fuller, Editor of The Crop Watcher for his comments on the Mandelbrot Formation, and he informed me.

"Jayne Macnish informed the Crop Watcher that a group of Cambridge University mathematics undergraduates have been exposed as the perpetrators of the famous Mandelbrot hoax in August 1991. The source of this information has apparently indicated that George Wingfield was given the name "Cade Roux", an associate of the Mandelbrot hoaxers back in 1991, but chose for some reason to keep this information from the public".

Of course Alan Watts may not have been aware of this information, but it does pay you to check your facts. UFO QUEST is a book that not only looks at modern day UFO sightings, but it also looks back into the past, and various historical UFO events are given the once over. Alan is a qualified physicist and member of BUFORA, (The British UFO Research Association). This book will please and be swallowed by the E.T. believers, but for me was largely disappointing. Oh those poor trees !

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: ALIEN ENERGY.

AUTHOR: ANDREW COLLINS. PUBLISHER: ABC BOOKS.

PRICE: (?)



AUTHOR Andrew Collins.

Well yet another book from the swashbuckling author, Andrew Collins, and not, one might imagine, on Andy's favourite topic, psychic questing. This time it's Andy's new quest to find an alternative to the E.T. hypothesis which some British UFOlogists dearly love. Could there be another answer for these mystery lights in the sky ? The back cover of the book states, and I quote..."ALIEN ENERGY puts forward the theory that unknown aerial phenomena and other sustained lightforms are the outer manifestations of a more primary energy, scientifically isolated in the 1930's by Austrian born biophysicist Wilhelm Reich and recognised today by quantum physicists as the multi-dimensional superforce or unified field. It also demonstrates how these atmospheric and ground based energy forms appear to possess an independant consciousness and intelligence accessible to non-local communication through the intervention of human archetypes and symbols." Unquote.

Andy goes on to discuss that strange aerial light forms seem to have an affinity with reservoirs and water filled pits. He also goes on to mention (Page 146) of a strange burst of light that Troggs singer Reg Preseley saw in a dark night sky near Woodborough Hill near Alton Barnes. He described it as, "a bright circular core, as large as the moon. This quickly extinguished from the centre outwards, leaving only a white tiny pin point of light that vanished as the landscape was plunged into darkness". This was exactly similar to what I and Derek Lauder witnessed in the night sky near Aultbea Ross and Cromarty last year. Andy too has witnessed strange aerial light bursts, one above Knapp Hill near Alton Barnes (30th May 1992), and also at the base of Glastonbury Tor in Somerset in "pouring rain" back in the 1980's.

Andy states that aerial flashes of light are not uncommon both at prehistoric sites, and in areas of increased UFO activity, (tell me about it !) Andy, along with other members of 'ORGONE 93' tried various meditation exercises in the fields of England during 1993 which were photographed. And, upon developing the film, strange black fuzzy balls can be seen on the developed film. Developing flaws ? Andy's not too sure, although he wouldn't rule them out entirely. Project ORGONE 93, has many of these

photographs pepped throughout the book. What are they ? Andy has this to say on page 208, and I quote.

The idea popularised by Constable and suggested many years beforehand by Kenneth Arnold, that the majority of UFOs are living creatures existing in a sea of atmosphere, is stunning in its simplicity. Even though Constable saw these etheric entities as composed of a semi-solid, plasmatic state, I feel that it is more likely that they are indigenous life-forms, existing in an energetic state spanning the entire extent of the multi-dimensional energy continuum. They appear to us as aerial flashes, balls of light, daylight discs, or light clusters only when their oscillations shift into the visible spectrum. On other occasions, they can simply create radar reflections or produce electromagnetic effects, and so remain undetected by the naked eye.

This is truly a fascinating book which all UFOlogists and any serious researcher of anomalies should have in their possession. I love reading about alternative views to the E.T. hypothesis, and this book is one big eye opener. If you don't buy it, then you are cheating yourself out of an education.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: THE SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF SURVIVAL AFTER DEATH.

AUTHOR: MICHAEL ROLL. PUBLISHER: MICHAEL ROLL.

PRICE: £1.00 (Booklet)



As my readers may know, I am a Spiritualist and firmly believe in Life After Death. I didn't at first, until I heavily researched the subject, something that we all should do before we comment to the contrary. Anyway, Michael Roll is a guy who never stops writing, it's a wonder he has time to eat, even then, I'm sure he'd be using one hand to type, and the other to feed himself !! In this 28 page booklet, Michael presents (very impressively in my opinion) why we all survive death. He talks about experimental proof, the Etheric world, subatomic physics, the work that his colleague Ron Pearson is currently doing, (which goes largely unrecognised in this country but the Russians can't get enough of it !).

Michael is claiming the £10,000 offered by magician and paranormal sceptic James Randi in which Michael has sent him proof that Professor John Hasted of the physics department at London University, has proved that so called paranormal phenomena exists. Randi, we are told, does not recognise the findings of qualified independent scientists, 'his conditions are so outrageous, that he will never have to part with any money' !

If you truly think that we all just die and that's the end of it all, then I suggest that you buy this booklet, and indeed the other booklets that Michael Roll has to offer. There are always two sides to a coin. One should never be blinkered to anything. Not only should one open up their heart, but they should open up their mind as well. Life, you know, is still a school in which we are all learning every day, and this information is so vital to our development, that it would be sheer incompetence not to at least check it out. If you're a member of the "When You Are Dead You Are Dead", brigade, or the Flat Earth Society, then there is no changing

your views, (your stuck in the 14th century). An open mind is so much better than a closed mind. Open up to the reality of survival !

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

To be reviewed next issue, "STAR CHILDREN" by Jenny Randles. The following are the addresses of the books featured here in sequence that one should write to to place an order. ALIEN IDENTITIES, by Richard L. Thompson, Spacelink Books, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, England, TW12 2QY. STRANGE BUT TRUE ? Piatkus Books, 5 Windmill Street, London, England, W1P 1HF. SUPERNATURAL BRITAIN, by Peter Hough. Piatkus Books, (same address as "Strange But True" ?). UFO QUEST by Alan Watts, Blandford Books, Cassell plc, Villiers House, 41-47 Strand, London, England, WC2N 5JE. ALIEN ENERGY, by Andrew Collins. ABC Books, P.O. Box 189, Leigh On Sea, Essex, England, SS9 1NF. THE SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF SURVIVAL AFTER DEATH, by Michael Roll, 28 Westerleigh Road, Downend, Bristol, England, BS16 6AH.

video review.

CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE 11.
REVELATIONS.



This video is the successor to Cropcircle Communique, which when made available presented the cropcircle phenomenon in a more mysterious light, although having said that, it did leave the back door open to other alternative views. John Macnish, who is a freelance Television Producer for the B.B.C. continued with his crop circle research desperate to find the elusive answer, and to all intents and purposes, he did ! His continued research into the crop circle field (excuse the pun), showed him that the subject was awash with hoaxers, (and clever with it too !) This video shows how easy it is to fool the so called crop circle experts. We are treated to a show by Doug and Dave, the better known of the hoaxers, and also a crop circle competition done at night, which was very impressive in its completion.

We are also shown the hoaxers caught on camera who did not know that they were being filmed. Most amusing however, was American researcher Jim Schnabel, who's helium balloon with red flare light attached, fooled some watching witnesses at a distance into believing that they were watching a UFO, "great stuff" ! The video runs 60 minutes, and includes stunning aerial film of crop circle formations, and also previously unseen night time and day time footage of the force behind the crop circle mystery. Jim Schnabel believes, that there is however, a genuine phenomena lying beneath the hoaxing of circles, but as yet he is unsure as to what that is. As the flyer of the video says, "It's up to you to examine the evidence yourself". Case closed ? Well nearly, for me it now stands as 99% hoaxing, what is the final 1% ? Any ideas ?

Reviewed By Malcolm Robinson.

CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE 11 "REVELATIONS". Available for £15.00 (inc p&p) Cheque money order made payable to Circlevision. Send to, Circlevision, P.O. Box 36, Ludlow, Shropshire, England, SY8 3ZZ.

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■ A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME. Coming up in a future issue of ENIGMAS, is a case that SPI are currently working on. It concerns a haunted house which in actual fact, is in my home town of Tullibody. I won't say too much about it here, as all our case notes are not as yet completed. What I will say however, as a taster, is that during the course of the night, in which I, Billy Devlin, Helen Walters, and trainee researcher Kevin Rennie all occupied one particular room, an amazing visual experience took place. No, it wasn't the sighting of a ghost, but incredible as this may sound, what we all witnessed, (apart from Kevin !) was a multitude of tiny white pin pricks of light which danced around in our hands, and also ran up and down our fingers. Not only could I see it in my own hands, but I could see it in Billy's, Helen's, and also Kevin's. Absolutely incredible, I've never seen anything like it. All this and more, will be coming up in a future issue of ENIGMAS. ■ AND ALSO STILL TO COME. A report on a Bonnybridge ghost, (yes, that reads ghost, not UFO !). And also reports of ghostly activity from the towns of Stirling and Kilsyth. There will be our usual reports on UFO activity throughout Scotland, and also a report which concerns the observation made by a young girl (4) of an entity seen in her bedroom from a town not a million miles away from Bonnybridge ? ■ CASE UPDATES. Well not a great deal to report actually. The Voodoo doll case reported in our last issue the latest here is, that it was handed to a psychic medium by the name of Katrina McNab who lives in Plean near Stirling. Katrina assisted SPI (in part), in our Investigation of Stirling's haunted Tolbooth a few years

ago. Katrina informed SPI, that since she has had the voodoo doll, nothing untoward has happened to her. She is happy to keep it for a while, which is just as well, as my wife has put her foot firmly down and refused to let me go near it or handle it. Deary deary me !! Because of the heavy workload of cases coming into SPI, and also our meetings and skywatches, the gathering of the case notes on our A70 UFO case is not complete. This may indeed take quite some time. If only readers knew of the heavy extent of work we have here, then they would realise that we can't do everything at once. Believe you me, we are going flat out, and I really do wish to see the A70 case completed as soon as time will allow. [See ENIGMAS May-June 1994 Page 15]. ■ IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION UP ? For some people this will be their last issue of ENIGMAS, please do re-subscribe as we need your support. Without you there would be no ENIGMAS. If a cross appears in the following box, then this means that your subscription has run out with this issue. ■ TWO NEW UFO GROUPS IN SCOTLAND. Two new UFO research groups have just recently been formed in Scotland. The first being The Scottish UFO Research Organisation (SUFORO) which is being run by BUFORA member and researcher, Allan Brown of Aberdeen. The second group (name not as yet known) is run by Diane McCune from Kilbarchan in Renfrewshire, [See Diane's UFO sighting on page 28]. SPI wish both groups well. ■ WE'LL BE IN TOUCH ! All those individuals who completed and returned their SPI research assist forms, will be notified of Investigators training courses to be held later this year. SPI would like to thank you for completing the form, and your assistance will indeed be called upon. Dates to be given out soon. [M.R.]